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This volume, which is the thirty-eighth in the series formerly issued under the direction of the Record Commissioners, contains the minutes of the Selectmen's Meetings from 1811 to 1817, and part of the year 1818, completing the twentieth and twenty-first books of the original records of the Selectmen's Minutes.

EDWARD W. McGLENEN,
City Registrar.

Old Court House, Boston.

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES.

BOOK TWENTIETH.

[1.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 2d. 1811. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Hunnewell, Wright, Foster, Webb & Weld.

Finished the draft of accounts.—

The report of a Committee of the Directors of the Mill Corporation was received relative to the drain laid in the Mill Pond leading from Prince Street, as follows—

Boston Decr. 19th. 1810. The Subscribers, a Committee of the Boston Mill Corporation, to whom was referred the account annexed of the Selectmen of Boston, report that it is expedient and proper that the said Corporation pay the said account.—

Signed Wm Wetmore
J. P. Davis.

The account with the above certificate having been handed to Mr. Hynes, who did the work, to collect the Amount from the Corporation, was now returned by him, with information that he had called upon the Committee, the President & Agent of the Corporation, who had told him that it was not in their power to pay the account at present.—The board considered the circumstances of Mr. Hynes, that the work was done by order of a Committee of the Selectmen, & that he suffered [2.] great inconvenience from the want of his money—& agreed to give him an order in the draft on the Treasurer—And Voted, that the account be handed to the Town Advocate, and that he be desired to take measures to collect the same from the Mill Corporation.

Ordered, that the accounts presented by Mr. Lyon for edge stones & by Sargent & Hart for work done in front of Mrs. Grays land and of H. G. Otis' land in Atkinson Street, be handed to the Town Advocate, that he may take measures to collect the same.—

Agreed to pass an order on the Treasurer for 4000 Dollars in behalf of Mr. Henry Sargent in full of the award in his favour

for land taken from him to widen Exchange Lane, & the Treasurer was directed to call upon the President & Directors of the Union Bank for $2000, being the balance of what they were awarded to pay for that improvement.—

Return being made to the board that Mr. John Brazier had refused to pay the order drawn on him for one half the amount awarded to be paid by him for improving Exchange Lane—it was ordered that his contract and the award be handed to the Town Advocate, that he may take measures to collect the same.

Approved the application of Ebed Hearsey for [3.] a loan of $200. from the Franklin fund.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 9th. 1811. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Porter, Hunnewell, Wright, Foster, Webb & Weld.—

On the Application of Wm Hammatt Esq. he is permitted to place 4 posts in front of his house in Southack's Court, where they have been broken down, in consequence of the exposed situation of his house, at the foot of the hill, in front of Somersett Street.—

This time being appointed for a Meeting of the Trustees of the Neck land—no other business was transacted by the Selectmen.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 16th. 1811. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Porter, Wright, Webb & Weld.—

A petition was received from the Engine Company No. 12 praying to have a small building to deposit their engine in a more public situation.

Agreed that Mr. Porter should have a small building erected on land of Mr. P. S. Whitney in Orange Street, with the consent of [4.] the owner of the land.

The Clerk of the Market having represented that Mr. Bruce the present occupier of the stall in the part of the Market formerly leased by Mr. Redding (now deceased) had declared that he would not take charge of the small scales, & had behaved to himself and others in a rude and insolent manner—it was unanimously determined that Mr. Bruce should be removed from said stall, and that the Clerk of the Market should let the same to some reputable person, who in addition to the usual rent, should agree to keep the scales clean & in order, & to treat with civility the inhabitants, who might have occasion to use them.—

The Application of George Jackson for renewal of his Appointment of Constable was fully considered, when it was unanimously determined upon in the negative.

A precept was received from the Hon. Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk—that inquisition should be made into the circumstances of M^rs^. Catharine Sweetser—represented incapable to take care of her property—The same was committed to M^r^. Wright & M^r^. Weld to make the necessary inquiries & report.—

[**5.**] Boston ss. At a Special Meeting of the Selectmen January 19th. 1811. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Hunnewell, Foster, Webb & Weld.

12 Jurors were drawn for the Supreme Judicial Court.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 23^d^. 1811. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, Wright, Webb & Weld.—

Return was made by Messrs. Benj^a^. Spear and Thomas Aves, of the Expence of repairing the Common Sewer in Salem Street, the account whereof being duly examined by the Selectmen was by them allowed: they being informed at the same time, that all persons concerned in said drain had been notified according to law, and the objections made having been heard & considered: Assessment was now made, an order of payment was passed by the Seletmen as follows viz. Whereas a Drain or Common Sewer has been laid in Salem Street conformably to the directions of the Selectmen the whole expense amounts to Two hundred & Eighty Six dollars $^{42}/_{100}$ which expence is to be born by such persons whose [**6.**] drains enter therein & receive benefit thereby: Wherefore, We, the Subscribers, Selectmen of the said Town of Boston certify that having considered the same expence and by whom and in what manner it ought to be paid *do adjudge* that the same be paid in the proportion following & by the persons hereafter named viz.

Robert Fennelly Pump & other drain, Eliza Rogers, Benjamin Spear, Thomas Aves, Estate of Edwd. Edes, Peyton Gay, Lynde Walter, Josiah Snelling, James Robinson, Isabella Johnson, Benj^a^. Spear & Ezra Brown, Salem S^t^., 12.20 each.

Edwd. Sargent (1 drain), Mary Darling & Henry Fowle (1 drain), Mary Lord (1 drain), Salem S^t^., 6.10 each.

Hannah Stillman (3 drains), Salem S^t^., 18.30.

John Bray (4 drains), Salem S^t^., 24.40.

Joseph Adams, John Odin, Jonathan Merry, Hull S^t^., 6.10 each.

Daniel Warner (2 drains), Sheafe S^t^., 12.20.

Francis Greene (1 drain), 6.10.

[**7.**] Gardner Hammond 1, Margaret Thomas 1, Sheafe S^t^., 6.10 each.

Benjamin Jepson 1½, Mary Waters 1½, Sheafe S^t^., 9.15 each.

—— Lewis's heirs 2, William Bentley 2, Sheafe S^t^., 12.20

Total, $286.70.

And We hereby Authorize and empower Benjamin Spear and Thomas Aves to demand and receive the above sums from the persons above named & to give discharges therefor. —

Signed

CHARLES BULFINCH
WM. PORTER
EBENR. OLIVER
JONA. HUNNEWELL
FR WRIGHT
NATHAN WEBB
BENJA. WELD
} Selectmen

[8.] Return was made by Mr. Josiah C. Rainsford of the expence of repairing the Common Sewer in North Street, the account whereof being duly examined by the Selectmen was by them allowed: they being informed at the same time, that all persons concerned in said drain, had been notified according to law, & no objection had been made: Assessment was now made, an order of payment was passed by the Selectmen as follows, viz. —Whereas a Drain or Common Sewer has been laid in North Street conformably to the directions of the Selectmen, the whole expence whereof amounts to Fifty Two Dollars & fifty cents which expence is to be borne by such persons whose drains enter therein & receive benefit thereby:

Wherefore We the Subscribers Selectmen of the said Town of Boston Certify that having considered the same expense and by whom & in what manner it ought to be paid *Do Adjudge* that the same be paid in the proportion following & by the persons hereafter named viz.—

B. Jarvis, Samuel Parkman, —— Fuller, —— Batchelor, Peter Hemmingway, [9.] Josiah C. Rainsford, —— Oliver, Capt —— Webber, John Tuckerman, William Late, Jabez Newhall, Dr. Jacob Holland, Thomas Whitman, Mary Adams, Saml. Hastings, Lewis Lincoln, W. C. Hackway, William Low, Andrew Drummond, —— Trull, Nancy Woodward, John Bannister, Wm Mills, $2.30 each; total, $52.90. And We hereby authorize & empower Mr. Amos Lewis, to demand & receive the above sums from the persons above named & to give discharges therefor.—

Signed

CHARLES BULFINCH
WM PORTER
EBENR OLIVER
JONA HUNNEWELL
FR WRIGHT
NATHAN WEBB
BENJA. WELD
} Selectmen of Boston

[10.] Mr. Frederick Beck, was approved as an Auctioneer to keep an Auction Office in India Street.—

The Chairman was desired to notify the Assessors & also the Chairman of the Assistant Assessors that the law required a return of qualified voters in the Town to be made by them on the first of March;—and to request them to take the necessary measures to have the return as correct as possible

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 28th. 1811. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Wright, Foster & Weld.—

Passed the Monthly Accounts.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen February 6th. 1811. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Wright, Foster, Webb & Weld.—

The Committee appointed to make inquisition respecting the circumstances of Mrs. Catharine Sweetser, reported, & a return was made to the Judge of Probate that, she was found to be non compos mentis; & that the board adjudge that she is incapable of taking care of herself.

[**11.**] Mr Hunnewell presented for examination a Petition from Mr Leverett to the Legislature praying for powers to convey to the Inhabitants of Boston the proportion of Alms house land which belongs to his minor children—also a resolve to that effect prepared by the Committee to whom the same was referred. The same being read & examined, the Chairman was desired to apply to Mr. Jackson, counsel to Mr. Leverett, to have a clause inserted to explain the description of the land & flatts to be conveyed; that the right to low water mark should be clearly expressed, to prevent misunderstanding respecting it in future.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen February 20th 1811. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Foster, Webb & Weld. —

20 Grand Jurors were drawn for the Supreme Judicial Court for March term—also 30 Traverse Jurors for the same Court.—

Return was made by Mr. Joseph Noyes of the Expence of repairing the Common Sewer in Prince Street the account whereof being duly examined by the Selectmen was by them allowed: [**12.**] they being informed at the same time that all persons concerned in said drain had been notified according to Law and the objections made having been heard & considered: Assessment was now made, an order of payment was passed by the Selectmen as follows, Viz. Whereas a drain or common sewer has been laid in Prince Street conformably to the directions of the Selectmen, the whole expense whereof amounts to one hundred & forty four dollars $\frac{57}{100}$ which expense is to be borne by such persons whose drains enter therein & receive benefit thereby,

Wherefore, We the Subscribers, Selectmen of the said Town of Boston, Certify that having considered the same expense & by whom & in what manner it ought to be paid *Do Adjudge* that the same be paid in the proportion following & by the persons hereafter named vizt:

Joseph Noyes (3 shares), I. C. Lenow (4 shares), 8.04.
Mr Marshall (2 shares), Nathl Lombard (2 shares), Mrs Skillings (2 shares), John Hooton (2 shares), M^{r}. Robey, (2 shares), 5.36 each.

Mary Hall, Jacob Hall, M^{r}. Cunningham, D. Metignon, Alexander Ross, [**13.**] Elijah Wild, Matthew Lodge, Thaddeus Page, M^{r}.—— French, M^{r}.—— Shelibar, M^{r}.—— Hunt, Peter Dickerman, Mary Lord, Robt. Fennelly, Benj^{a}. Wheeler, Esther Hall, John Barber, William Palmer, Jos Adams, Henry Wendell, Jos. Mountfort, M^{rs}. Waters, W^{m}. Wiswell, Estate of M^{rs}. Cushing & M^{rs}. Locke, Sarah White, Jotham Horton, Ezra Curtis, Josiah C. Rainsford, Fred^{k}. Lincoln, Sarah Clark, [**14.**] Jonas Gould, Nathl. Austin, Benj^{a}. Weld, Edw^{o}. Chamberlain, 2.68 each.

Joseph Hurd, Guardian, 4 Shares, 10.72.

And We hereby authorize and empower Joseph Noyes, to demand & receive the above sums from the persons above named & to give discharges therefor. —

(Signed) CH^{S}. BULFINCH, W^{M} PORTER, EBEN^{R}. OLIVER, JOSEPH FOSTER, NATHAN WEBB, BENJ^{A}. WELD } Selectmen

[**15.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen February 25th. 1811. Present M^{r}. Oliver.

At a Meeting Feby 27th. 1811. Present Messrs. Oliver, Webb & Weld.—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 28th. 1811. Present Messrs. Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, Wright, Foster, Webb & Weld.—

Passed the quarterly & Monthly Accounts.

Signed a Warrant for Town Meeting, on the 11th day of March next.—

M^{r}. Park to print Notifications.—

M^{r}. Eliot to print the lists of Voters.—

M^r. Wright was desired, to request the Rev. M^r. Channing, to open the Meeting with Prayer.—

Ordered, That the Deputy Police Officer attend in Cornhill, and keep the side walks on both sides of the street, free from Wood, woodsawyers & every other incumbrance—until the Selectmen make some further provision for a stand as a Wood Market.—

[**16.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 6th. 1811.—Present Messrs. Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, Wright, Webb & Weld.—

4 Grand Jurors were drawn for the District Court of the U. S.—

M^r. Jon^a. P. Hall with several other Gentlemen appeared, and represented to the Board, that their shops in Union street, were very much incommoded by butchers and other persons placing their carts in front of their shops, some of which remained in the street through the night. The gentlemen having retired, the Board took the subject into consideration, & it was Voted, That the Deputy Police Officer be ordered, to remove all carts, waggons, sleds & other teams from Union street.—and in future no carts or waggons be suffered to stand in Union street, except such as may be placed there by the Clerk of the Market & subject to his orders and regulations.

[**17.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 13th. 1811. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Webb & Weld.—

This being the first meeting since the choice of Selectmen in Town Meeting on the 11th Instant: the Town Clerk administered an oath to the members present, according to law. "that they would make due returns, &c."—

The Board now came to the choice of a Chairman the votes being taken by ballot— Charles Bulfinch Esq. was declared to be unanimously chosen.—

A Petition was read from a number of victuallers, requesting to have moveable stalls placed in front of M^r. Holt's & M^r. Kidder's stores on Union street.—the same gentlemen signified their consent to the same.—

Voted, That the Chairman, M^r. Weld & M^r. Webb—be a Committee to attend to the regulation of the market during the present year—and that the above mentioned petition be referred to them.—

Great complaint having been made against the practice of permitting the carts with wood to stand in Cornhill; the subject was

now considered, & it was determined that an order should be published, to direct all waggons, carts & sleds with [**18.**] wood from the country, to stand in future in Milk street from Cornhill to Congress street, thence through Congress street to Water street, & in the westerly part of Water street—Also that as many carts as should be found convenient be allowed to stand in Bowdoin Square and the North square—and in Pond street over the Mill Pond.

The Chairman was desired to prepare rules & orders for the regulation of the wood, & to have the same published.

The Assessors having furnished lists of qualified voters in the several wards, and the same having been printed; the Chairman was desired to send a copy of the same to each Assistant Assessor, for him to revise & correct, to be returned to the board with his corrections.—

Ordered, that it be advertised in the public papers that the lists of qualified voters will be posted up for inspection *on Monday* next.

The following is the form of Regulations of Wood, published in the papers.—

In pursuance of the powers vested in this Board by the act of the Legislature of this Commonwealth, entitled "An act in addition to the several acts now in force [**19.**] to regulate the paving of Streets in the Town of Boston, and for removing obstructions in the same," the following

RULES AND ORDERS

are established for the regulation of Carts and other Carriages with Wood brought by land for sale—viz.

From and after Monday, the 26th day of March instant, no waggons, cart, or sled with wood for sale, shall be suffered to stand in Court street, or Cornhill, or in any other public street of the Town of Boston, except those hereafter named.—

One row of such waggons, carts & sleds with wood shall be allowed to stand on the north side of Milk street, from the westerly end thereof on Cornhill, down to Congress street; also on the west side of Congress street, between Milk street and Water street; and on the south side of Water street, from Congress street to Devonshire street.

As many of such waggons, carts and sleds, shall be allowed to stand in Bowdoin Square and the North Square, as shall, upon experience, be found convenient for the free passage of Carriages through those Squares.

[**20.**] And one row of such waggons, carts and sleds, shall be allowed to stand on the easterly side of Pond-street, leading from Hanover street to Charles River Bridge.

And it is further Ordered, that the standing of such waggons, carts & sleds, shall be regulated by the officers of Police, for the mutual convenience of the drivers thereof, and of the Inhabitants of the Town.—

And it is hereby ordered, in pursuance of the authority above named, that if any owner or driver of any waggon, cart or sled, loaded with wood, for sale, shall stand with his carriage or load, in any other place than those directed by these rules and orders, after the 26th day of March Inst. he shall forfeit & pay the sum of Five Dollars, upon conviction of every such breach of these rules and orders.—

[**21.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 20th. 1811. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Porter, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Foster, Webb & Weld.—

Messrs. John & Joseph Rowe represent, that being about to extend the wharf, known by the name of Rowes Wharf, they wish to have their bounds on the Town's slip marked out by some persons authorized by the Selectmen.—

The Chairman, Mr. Hunnewell & Mr. Weld were desired to have the lines of the Town slip measured off, between Rowes & Foster Wharves; and the boundaries settled by permanent marks.

The accounts of the hay Weigher were exhibited for the year ending Jany 1st.—by which it appeared, that the gross Amount of Receipts for Weighing were - - - - - - - - - 1191
two thirds of which being allowed for his services - 794
397

remains for the Town's proportion - - - - - - - - - - - $397
from which deduct expences, repairs &c - - - - - - - - 180.59
leaves the net proceeds which he has paid to the Town
Treasurer pr. his certificate - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 216.41

Voted, That in future the hay weigher settle his accounts once a quarter with the Selectmen & pay the balance to the Town Treasurer.—

[**22.**] Voted, That in future, all expenditures for repairs of the Hay Scales be done under the direction of & by order of one of the board; & that E. Oliver Esq be desired to attend to this business the ensuing year.—

Messrs William Thomas & Ezekiel P. Greenleaf having applied for license as Auctioneers, in company; having been well recommended, were approved by the Board.—

Warrant was signed for Town Meeting to be held on the 1st. day of April for choice of Gov. Lt. Gov & Senators—

Mr. Park to print notifications, & Rev. Mr. Lowell be requested to open the Meeting with prayer.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 25th. 1811. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Wright, Foster & Weld.

Passed the Monthly Accounts.

Approved the Indentures of John Carr, a minor & foreigner to James Fullick—mason & bricklayer to continue in force until the second of Jany Eighteen hundred & Sixteen.—

On the application of Mr Henry Sargent, it was Voted, That the Town Treasurer be authorized and empowered to give to Mr. Sargent his note for the balance that may be now due to him on the drafts for payment for his land [**23.**] taken to widen Exchange Lane—and that the said note be expressed to bear interest from the present time.—

A number of gentlemen inhabitants of Milk street, appeared to state their objections to the regulation lately adopted by the board for placing the wood carts in that street; and to request that some more suitable place should be appropriated for that purpose.—A long conversation ensued upon the subject, the objections were heard: & the gentlemen having retired, the subject was referred to a fuller meeting.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 27th. 1811. Present Messrs Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Foster, Webb & Weld.

On a representation that certain portions of Deer Island had been swept away by the sea during the past winter, and of the danger to the navigation of the harbour from the alteration of the channel—it was Voted, that Mr Tukesbury be directed to take no more ballast from the Island, nor to suffer any other person to take any, as the board would prosecute any one who should hereafter attempt it.—

Mr Hunnewell was desired to view the roof of the West School to ascertain what repairs were necessary.

[**24.**] Mr Foster was desired to consult with Mr Bond, who has the care of the old South clock, to determine what repairs were necessary to be made to the dials &c—

The Board met the Trustees of the Franklin donation, received the amounts of Peter Thacher Esq. their Treasurer, which were examined & approved; Mr Thacher having declined serving any

longer in that capacity, Mr William Minot was Chosen Treasurer and Secretary by ballot.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 3^d. 1811. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, May, Foster, Webb & Weld.—

This Meeting was called for the purpose of drawing jurors for the Court of Com. Pleas.—

28 jurors were now drawn for that court & the list delivered to the officer.
adjourned to Wednesday next to supply such deficiencies as may occur.

The Chairman having informed that he had notified a meeting of the new board of Assistant Assessors for Tuesday next—he was desired to request them at that meeting to take immediate measures for obtaining an accurate list of the rateable polls of the inhabitants, for the purpose of ascertaining the number of Representatives which the Town can constitutionally send to the next General Court and [**25.**] that the Gentlemen be particularly desired to take the name of every rateable person, as well of minors as of those of full age—with their places of residence—Also that the names of all aliens be taken, and carefully distinguished.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 10th. 1811. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Wright & Weld

Return was made by Messrs. Joshua Ary & Peter Dickerman of the expence of repairing the common sewer in Myrtle Street —the account whereof being duly examined by the Selectmen was by them allowed; they being informed at the same time that all persons concerned in said drain, had been notified according to law.—& that no objection had been made: Assessment was now made, an order of payment was passed by the Selectmen as follows viz.—

Whereas a drain or common sewer has been laid in Myrtle Street, conformably to the directions of the Selectmen, the whole expence whereof amounts to Sixty three dollars, which expence is to be borne by such persons whose drains enter therein & receive benefit thereby; Wherefore We the Subscribers, Selectmen of the said Town of Boston, certify that having considered the same expence & by whom & in what manner it ought to be paid *Do Adjudge* [**26.**] that the same be paid in the proportion following & by the persons hereafter named—viz.

Edward Flood, Benjamin Jarvis, Jared Lincoln, Joseph Homer, Ebenezer Farley, Benjamin Goodwin, Sweet & Fletcher, Peter Dickerman, Joshua Ary, $7 each, Total $63.

And We hereby authorize and empower M^r. Joshua Ary to demand and receive the above sums from the persons abovenamed & to give discharges therefor.—

(Sign'd) CHARLES BULFINCH, EBEN^R. OLIVER, JON^A HUNNEWELL, F. WRIGHT, BENJ^A WELD } Selectmen of Boston.

M^r. Wright made a statement to the board of the expence that would arise from procuring the quantity of balls which are wanted to complete the Towns supply—being about 700 Dollars.—

Voted, That as the expence is necessary to comply with the requisition of the law [27.] of the Commonwealth, that M^r. Wright be authorized to proceed & procure the necessary quantity of balls.—

Mr Weld having represented that the common sewer which crosses Green street & passes through land of Capt. Barnard is now or will soon be stopped by filling the Mill Pond, and that Capt. Barnard is desirous of removing the same from his land—Voted, that measures be taken for turning the course of the said sewer westerly in Green street, until it shall join the common sewer in Gouch's lane—& that Capt. Barnard be desired to undertake the same.

Mr Tukesbury appeared & was questioned respecting the state of Deer Island, particularly relative to the shifting of a sand bar at the westerly point, opposite to Long-island:=and it was Voted that the Chairman should notify Genl. Dearborn, Collector of this port, of the change made in that bar by the storms of the past winter & request him to order a buoy—to be fixed, for the information of Vessels coming into the harbour.—

On the application of Mr Hazard of Nantucket, who supplied the oil for Town use in 1809 the amount of which was drawn for in Oct. last, & which he has not yet received from the Treasury. —Voted that the Town Treasurer be authorized & empowered to give his note to M^r. Josiah Bradlee in behalf of M^r. Hazard for the amount of the draft in his favour for oil, and also that he pay the discount at the Bank.

[28.] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen April 17th. 1811 Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Foster, Webb & Weld.—

On an application from a Committee of the Board of Health, Messrs. Hunnewell, Weld & Foster were chosen a committee in conjunction with the Committee of the Board of Health to view

the various places where wharves can be built for the emptying of the night and day carts, with the smallest inconvenience to the inhabitants.—

Mr. Hunnewell & Mr. Weld, were chosen a committee to meet the Directors of the Mill Pond Corporation, & conformably to their communication of this day, to agree with them upon some suitable person to superintend the laying of all common sewers in future in the Mill pond:—and the same committee is empowered to agree upon the compensation which such person shall receive for his services and upon the proportion thereof which shall be paid by the Town.—

Mr. Lewis the constable was questioned, relative to a charge against him for neglect to execute a warrant given to him by one of the Overseers of the Poor: upon [**29.**] considering his statement, and the circumstances of his family, of the sickness & death of his son at the time—his reasons for not fully executing the duty assigned him, were considered satisfactory by the board.—

Mr. Wright—being present—

The Town Clerk was directed to prepare a bond for the Town Treasurer, & the Chairman desired to have the same executed immediately.

Mr McNeill exhibited his account of the hay scales for the quarter ending April 1.—whole amount received being 316.66—

from which $^{2}/_{3}^{ds}$ for his services 211.11 - - - - - - - - - -	105.55
after deducting for expences & repairs - - - - - - - - - -	12.68
leaves balance to the Town - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$92.87

which he is directed to pay to the Town Treasurer.—

A Remonstrance or complaint against Mr. McNeill in his office of hay weigher was read—and agreed that the first signer should be notified to appear on Wednesday next to explain his cause of complaint.—

[**30.**] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen, April 24th. 1811., Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Foster, Webb & Weld.—

On a new venire from the Clerk of the Court of Com. Pleas—4 Jurors were drawn ro serve at the present session of that Court.—

Mr. Samuel Perkins having in conformity to an order of Notice given him on the 18th instant notified by a constable all the proprietors of the common sewer in Water Street: applied now in person for liberty to open & repair the same, which was accordingly granted.

Several complaints having been received of errors made by the hay weigher in his tickets of hay, compared with the tickets for the same loads weighed in Dearborn's patent platform balance— Mr Oliver was desired to employ some suitable person, with the sealer of weights to examine the Towns Scales, & have them made correct.—

A Vote was received from the Clerk of the Mill Pond Corporation in which they propose to give their note to the Town Treasurer for the amount of Mr Hynes' bill for laying drain in the Mill Pond, payable in six months.—it was agreed to withdraw the suit & accept the note proposed provided it should [**31.**] be upon interest from the time the draft was passed in favour of Mr Hynes.—

On the application of P. C. Brooks, President of the N. E. Insurance Company—Voted, That the Treasurer be directed & empowered to give his note to said President & Directors for the amount of the award in their favour, for their land taken to widen Exchange lane.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 29th. 1811. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, May, Wright, Foster & Webb.—

Passed the Monthly Accounts.

Mr Wright & Mr Foster were desired to inspect that part of the Common Sewer now open in Water Street, and direct the workmen how far to proceed in opening the remainder & in relaying the same.—

The Board made choice of James Savage Esq. to deliver an Oration on the 4th day of July next being the Anniversary of the Independence of the United States of America.—

Also made Choice of Rev. Mr. Cary to officiate as Chaplain on that day.—

Mr Richd Austin was chosen sealer of weights & measures for the Southern District of the Town & Mr Timo. Greene for the Northern district.—

[**32.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 1st. 1811. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Foster, Webb & Weld.—

Finished the draft for monthly accounts.

The Chairman & Mr. Weld a committee on the application of Mr Nickerson to ascertain the bounds between his land and the

land of the Town opposite Snow Hill street, where the drain & sink formerly passed through—and from which it has been lately removed.—

Notice was received from the Directors of the Mill Pond Corporation—that they should find it necessary to make an opening immediately through the Causeway for the purpose of admitting lighters with stone, to build the walls of the Canal.—

Warrant was signed for Town Meeting for the 16th. Instant—for choice of Representatives.

Rev. Mr. Mitchell to be requested to open the meeting with prayer.—

Mr. Park to print notifications.

[33.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 8th. 1811. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Porter, Hunnewell, Foster, Webb & Weld.

The following was handed to the board by a Committee from the Board of Health.

In Board of Health Boston, May 6th. 1811.

Voted, That a Committee of this Board be raised to confer with the Selectmen, and inform them that the Board of Overseers, considering the alms house wharf solely under their control, refuse their concurrence with the determination of the Boards of Selectmen & of Health, respecting the building of a wharf from the Alms House wharf for the use of the night & scavengers carts—& to confer with them on a proper method to effect that object

Voted. Messrs Robinson, Sigourney, Lovering & Jona. Loring be this Committee.—

attest, Nat Greenough Secretary.—

Voted, That Messrs Hunnewell, Weld & Foster be a committee to confer with the committee of the Board of Health, upon the subject of the removal of nuisances from the night & day carts.—and that they recommend to the joint committee a conference with the committee of the Board of Overseers.—

A communication was received from the Board of Health signifying their consent [34.] that the Gun House should be placed on the land lately added to the North burying ground.—

The committee formerly appointed—Mr. May & Mr. Webb—were desired to have the Gun House removed as soon as practicable.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 11th. 1811. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, May, Wright, Weld.

Return was made by the Assistant Assessors of the number of rateable polls taken since May 1st.—Ordered that the same be printed in the Boston Gazette, & Independent Chronicle, for the information of the Inhabitants.—

A petition was received from the inhabitants of Cambridge street, requesting that measures should be taken to remove carts &c with provisions for sale from that & the adjacent streets—Voted, that the Chairman prepare an order to that effect pursuant to the powers vested in the Board by the law of the Commonwealth—which order is as follows.—

Whereas a spacious, elegant & convenient Market-House has lately been erected in Cambridge street, and directly opposite to Grove Street for the accommodation of the Westerly part of this Town;—The following [**35.**] Rule & Order is established, in pursuance of the powers vested in this Board by the Act of the Legislature of this Commonwealth, entitled "an Act in addition to the several Acts now in force," to regulate the paving of the streets in the Town of Boston, and for removing obstructions in the same."

From and after Monday, the 20th day of May, Inst. no person shall be allowed to stand in Cambridge street, or either of the streets branching therefrom, with their waggons, carts, sleds or horses, having meat, vegetables, or other articles of provisions for sale; nor shall any person be allowed from and after the day aforesaid, to place any stalls, bench or block in said streets, to exhibit any such provisions for sale.—

And it is hereby ordered, in pursuance of the authority above named, that if any person shall offend against the above Rule and Order, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of Five dollars upon conviction of every such breach of this Rule & Order.

By order of the Selectmen,

(Signed) CHARLES BULFINCH, Chairman.

At a Meeting May 13. 1811. Present Mess Bulfinch Hunnewell, May, Wright, Webb & Weld.—This Meeting was called upon a precept from the Clerk of the Circuit Court—and 6 Grand Jurors & 8 petit Jurors were drawn for said Court.—

[**36.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 18th. 1811, Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Porter, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Foster, Webb, and Weld.—

This Meeting was held to complete the return of Representatives—and issue warrant for Town Meeting for the usual May

meeting—the business was adjourned to Monday next 4 o'Clock—& the Town Clerk was desired in [the] mean time to inform the Board of Health of the adjournment, that they might have an opportunity to insert in the warrant any article that they might wish to lay before the Town.—

Upon a representation that a number of houses were now building on the east side of Purchase street, the floor of which was raised so high as to make it probable the steps would interfere greatly with the foot walk—the Chairman was desired to notify M^r. Tileston, the proprietor, of the apprehension of the board in this respect, & to ask him to take suitable measures, before the houses were further advanced, to prevent the incumbrance of the street.—

[37.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 20th. 1811. Present Mess. Bulfinch, Porter, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Foster, Webb & Weld.—

Warrant was signed for the May Meeting.

A communication was received from Capt. Barnard respecting the stopping of a common sewer, passing through his land in Green street to the Mill Pond.—the same was committed to Messrs. Hunnewell & Weld, who have already been appointed a committee to confer with the directors of the Mill Pond Corporation on the subject of drains.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 22^d. 1811. Present Mess—Bulfinch, Oliver, Foster, Webb & Weld.

A number of Gentlemen applied to request copies of the lists of rateable Polls lately taken by the Assessors in the several Wards.—the Gentlemen were informed that the board would consider their request at a fuller Meeting & communicate their answer.—

A large number of gentlemen, proprietors & occupants of buildings at the east end of State street applied in person to complain of the great inconvenience [38.] experienced from the number of trucks standing in that street & to request that some effectual measures might be taken for their relief.—
after they had retired, the Chairman was desired to prepare rules and regulations for the trucks to be laid before the board at the next meeting for consideration.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 28th. 1811. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Porter, Wright, May, Foster & Webb.—

Passed the Monthly Accounts.—

Mr. Wilby, agent for James Harrison Esq & Capt. Gaml. Bradford, Treasurer to the proprietors of [the] Exchange Coffee house appeared to inform the board, that the claim of Mr. Harrison for the street north of the Exchange had been settled by payment of the sum awarded by verdict of the jury.—and the amount of nineteen thousand seven hundred and twenty-two dollars $\frac{44}{100}$ being indorsed on the bond given by said proprietors to the Selectmen—the Chairman was directed to make a certificate on the bond, that the endorsements for the above named sum, are considered by the Selectmen as on account of said bond—A receipt from James Harrison was also received for the above amount endorsed on the bond: & it was ordered that this receipt [**39.**] be recorded in the Registry of Deeds of the County of Suffolk.—

Notice was received from the Secretary of the Fire Wards that complaint had been made against the removal of the Gun house to Copps hill.—The Chairman was desired to inform the Firewards that such removal had been done conformably to a vote of the Town, and to request a committee of the ward to examine the situation in which it is placed, with the hope that they would find no well founded cause of complaint.—

Mr. Caleb Loring Junr was chosen sealer of Boats and Lighters bringing stone and gravel for the present year.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 5th 1811. Present Messrs Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, May, Foster & Weld.—

Mr John Leverett presented a deed executed by him in behalf of his minor children—and in consequence of a Resolve of the General Court empowering him for that purpose—for their proportion of the land claimed by heirs of Leverett under & connected with the Alms house—The Town Treasurer was authorized to give his note to said John Leverett for the sum of One hundred & Eighty two dollars $\frac{84}{100}$ in full consideration of the above mentioned conveyance.

[**40.**] The Chairman was desired to repeat the Notice to Mrs Wheeler to pave the foot walk in front of her house in Sea street.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 12th 1811. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Porter, May, Wright, Foster & Weld.

Jurors were drawn for the Circuit Court and also for the Court of Com. Pleas, July term.

On application of Mr Caswell Beal, representation was made to the Hon. Judge of Probate, that David Jacobs, an inhabitant

of this Town, had become intemperate and wasteful of his property, and was in danger of being a Town charge; and requesting that he would take legal measures to have a guardian appointed for him.—

Applications were received from each of the Constables of the past year, and also from a number of new applicants—offering themselves for the place of Constables—their names being read, the choice was postponed to a fuller meeting.—

A remonstrance was received against the reappointment of Mr George Reed—and the Chairman was desired [**41.**] to notify the subscribers thereto and also Mr Reed to appear before the board on Wednesday next, when the complaint would be examined into.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 19th. 1811. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Foster, Webb & Weld.—

Jurors were drawn to supply deficiencies in the lists for District & Com: Pleas Courts.—

The remonstrants against M^r. George Reed appeared & stated several charges and accusations of oppressive conduct—M^r. Reed being present, with counsel, replied to the same.—no decision was had, but it was agreed to proceed to the choice of Constables on Wednesday next.—

The Chairman having been desired to prepare regulations for the trucks & sleds—presented the following, which was accepted & ordered to be printed.

TOWN OF BOSTON.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 19th. 1811.

In pursuance of the powers vested in this board by the Act of the Legislature of this Commonwealth, entitled "an Act in addition to the several Acts now "in force [**42.**] to regulate the paving of Streets in the Town of Boston, and for removing obstructions in the same" the following

RULES AND ORDERS

are established for the regulation of Trucks and Sleds, in the Streets of said Town: to be in force from and after Monday the 8th. day of July next.—

1st. All Trucks owned by any inhabitant of the Town of Boston shall be registered in a book, to be kept by the Selectmen for

that purpose; and shall be numbered from N°. 1 in succession; and said numbers shall be distinctly painted on both shafts of said Trucks, in black letters & figures, at least three inches in length, on a white ground.

2d. After such Trucks shall be registered and numbered, if any owner thereof shall sell, exchange or otherwise dispose of his property therein; the same shall be registered anew in the name of the person purchasing or otherwise owning the same— and the numbers shall be renewed as often as they shall become defaced or indistinct.—

3d. From and after Monday the 8th. day of July, Twenty Trucks, with two horses harnessed to each shall be allowed to stand in State street; to extend from Merchants row to Long Wharf on the North side; and from Kilby [**43.**] street to Broad street on the South side, in the following order.

The Trucks numbered from 1 to 20 to have the privilege of that stand for one week; those numbered from 21 to 40 to stand there the second week; and those numbered from 41 to 60 to stand there the third week in succession—after which they shall begin again the rotation.—

4th. Such Trucks as have usually stood in the street at the east end of Faneuil Hall, shall be permitted to continue there for the present.—

5th. All other Trucks not accommodated as above, shall stand in Broad street from Milk street, southerly; to be arranged in one line near the foot walk on the east side, for one week, and in the same manner on the west side on the second week; and shall change their stands on the east and west sides of the street weekly.—

6th. All Sleds drawn by two horses, owned by any inhabitant of this Town shall be registered and numbered, and shall take their stands, in the season when they shall be in use, under the same regulations as are already pointed out for Trucks.

7th. No Truck or sled with one horse, shall be permitted to stand in State street.

[**44.**] And it is hereby Ordered, in pursuance of the authority before named, that any person who shall offend against either of the above rules and orders, after the 8th day of July next shall forfeit & pay the sum of Five dollars upon conviction of every such offence.

By order of the Selectmen

(Signed) CHARLES BULFINCH, Chairman.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 26th. 1811.

Passed the Monthly Accounts.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 3d. 1811. Present Messrs. Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Wright & Weld.

The Chairman being absent, Mr Oliver was chosen Chairman Pro. tem. by ballot

The Following persons were Licensed as auctioneers for the year ensuing—viz

Samuel Blagge, George Bond, George Burroughs Jr., Joseph Bumstead, William Belcher, Cornelius Coolidge, [**45.**] Abraham Carter, Thomas Clark, Samuel F. Coolidge, Richard Edwards, William Dehon, William Gridley, Robert Gardner, Caleb Hayward, Richd H. Hough, Thos. K. Jones, John Jutan, Ezekl. P. Greenleaf, Frederick Beck, Stephen Brown, Samuel Prince, Elisha Parks, Jacob Rogers, Jesse Sanger, Joseph Ripley, Nathl. Tucker, William Thomas, Abel Wheelock, Saml. Whitwell, George Wheeler, Benja Tucker.

A letter was received from Mr Gorham Parsons respecting setting his fence in Summer Street—committed to Messrs Wright & Weld.—

Leave was granted to a committee from the gentlemen who celebrate the 4th July in Faneuil Hall, to make use of the Selectmens Room on that day. —

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 10th. 1811. Present Messrs. Oliver, May, Wright, Webb & Weld.—

Mr. John L. Sullivan applied for leave to put up a fence at the bottom of the passage way leading from Leverett Street to the Alms house wharf—the same was committed to Mr. Weld.—

[**46.**] Mr. Jacob Eustis appeared & handed a complaint in writing against Mr Ebenr. Wells—representing him as an intemperate person, who wasted his estate, & praying the board to inquire into the circumstances—the same was committed to Mr. Weld & Mr. Webb.—

The following named persons were chosen Constables for one year next ensuing, and those whose names are annexed were approved as sureties.—
Thomas Stevenson—Thomas Stevenson Jr. & Wm Stevenson
Amos Lewis—Jona Merry & Thomas Lewis
Henry Lane—Caleb Whiting & Israel Munroe

Elisha Copeland—John Perry & John Gibson
Moses Thayer—John Minchin & Jas. Liswell
Jirah Holbrook—Jona Merry & Edwd. Staples
James Sumner Jr.—Thos. W. Sumner & Jas Ridgway
Solomon Twist—Willm Simonds & Amos Penniman
William Tupper—John Gibson & John Howe
Benja. B. Leeds—Jeremiah Gore Jr. & S. H. Babcock
William Brooks—Lemuel Babcock & M. Wallach
James Perkins—Timo. Green & Jas. Williams
William Dinsmore—Wm. Cochran & David S. Eaton
Jonathan Prescott—John Barnard & O. C. Wyman
Robert Rixford—Eben Frothingham & Tho' Redman
John P. Orcutt—Charles Willis & Larkin Snow
Nathl. Phillips Jur.—John Parker & Jos. Lovering

The Town Clerk was directed to inform Mr. George Reed that he is not reelected a Constable.—

[47.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 17th. 1811. Present Messrs. Oliver, Wright, Webb & Weld.

Mr. Wright & Mr. Weld were appointed a committee to meet the committee appointed by the Town 27 May last on the subject of removing the filth of the Town &c.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 24th. 1811. Present Messrs. Oliver, Hunnewell, Wright, Foster, Webb & Weld.—

Return was made by the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of the names of persons licensed as inn-holders & retailers the past year, the same being read, examined and corrected; was approved & signed according to law.—

On the application of Mr. Eustis Representation was made to the Hon Judge of Probate that Ebenezer Wells of Boston sail maker, had become intemperate & wasteful of his property, was in danger of becoming a Town charge & requesting that a Guardian or Guardians may be appointed over him.

Mr Jireh Holbrook resigned his office as constable for the year ensuing.—

[48.] Voted, That no auctioneer be allowed to sell any horses or carriages in State street, or which shall be rode for show in said street, while any auctioneer may have such horses committed to them for sale.—

The following notice was directed to be sent to Mr. Ed. Savage—viz.

M^r. Edwd. Savage

Sir

The Selectmen view with *regret* your intention expressed in this days Centinel to open & illuminate the Museum in Boylston Hall on *Saturday Evenings*, they hope you will make it convenient to alter that arrangement.

By order of the Selectmen

(Signed) EBE^R. OLIVER Chairman P. T.

M^r. Wright & Mr Weld were appointed a Committee on the application of W. D. Sohier & others respecting lowering their rents in the old State House.—

The Town Clerk was directed to furnish the Town Attorney with a copy of the vote of the Town respecting Chimney Sweepers, in order that the same may be laid before the Justices of the Court of Com. Pleas for their approbation.

[**49.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 29th. 1811. Present Messrs. Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Webb and Weld.

Passed upon Accounts.—

The Committee to whom was referred the application [of] W. D. Sohier & others respecting reducing their rents in the old State House—Reported—that the rent of John H. Crane & Wm D. Sohier occupants of N° 3 be reduced to two hundred dollars per annum—& that the rent of M^r. John Park in said house be four hundred dollars per annum both to be reckoned from the first instant.—D^r. Park to give up the small room at the head of the stairs.—

Mr Daniel Wild approved as an Auctioneer.

M^r. Weld a committee to superintend paving the street between Exchange building & D. D. Rogers, through to State & Congress streets.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 31st. 1811. Present Messrs Oliver, Hunnewell, Wright, May, Foster, Webb & Weld.

It was agreed to allow Interest on the money due the N. E. Insurance Company, from [**50.**] the first day of May last.

Passed other Accounts.

Messrs. Hunnewell, Wright & Weld, were appointed a committee to procure a dinner & make all other arrangements for the annual visitation of the Public Schools.—

Mr Christopher Barker & Mr. Samuel Bridge were approved as Auctioneers.—

Voted, That the Town Clerk be ordered and directed to take two creditable witnesses with him, & see what persons sell goods at auction *without license* & report to the board the next meeting.—

Voted, that Mr Porter and Mr Hunnewell be a committee to make such repairs in the streets and high ways at South Boston as may be thought absolutely necessary and no more—and that the Town Clerk be directed to notify the Collector immediately to demand of the South Boston Association their delinquent taxes.

[**51.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 7th. 1811 Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, May, Wright, Webb & Weld.—

Mr Lot Whitcomb's application for a loan from the Franklin donation fund, was approved.—

A proposal was received from John Lowell Esq that the Street leading from Common street, at the south end of land lately sold by the Town, should be so altered as to make the lot which he has purchased square on the south line; by his giving land into the street on the west end, and taking land into his lot at the east end; the opposite proprietor Mr Amory conforming his land to the street in the same manner, so as to leave the street 30 feet wide as at present.—The proposition was agreed to and Voted that Mr Lowell he desired to prepare the necessary papers to establish the alteration according to law.—

Mr. Porter was desired to confer with workmen respecting the paving of Hollis street.—

The Chairman was desired to advertize for proposals for contracts for repairing the sides of the Neck.

[**52.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 14th 1811. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Foster, Webb & Weld.—

The indentures of Henry Nile, a minor, of the City of Amsterdam to Joseph Starr, mariner, were approved of—to continue in force until the 1st. of Sept. 1815.

Upon a precept received from the Honourable Judge of Probate, inquisition was made into the circumstances of Benjamin Nottage, & return was made to the Judge that said Benjamin was non compos mentis and incapable of taking care of himself, and recommending that a Guardian should be appointed for him.—

Messrs. Crane & Sohier having given up their office in the Town house.—to be notified to settle their back rent with the Treasurer.—

Messrs. Hunnewell, Wright & Weld, a committee to view the upper part of Bulfinch street, to determine what repairs are necessary & to direct the workmen thereon.—

Mr Weld was requested to advise with the other Gentlemen, appointed by the [**53.**] General Court on the valuation—respecting the provisions of the law on that subject.—that the Assessors may be informed of their duty.

The Chairman, M^r. Oliver & M^r. Weld a committee to consult M^r. Jackson in addition to M^r. Thacher, upon the state of the executions levied on the estate of John Coates—to take effectual measures to have the validity of the proceedings ascertained, by taking possession of the property, or obtaining the opinion of the Supreme Court, as shall be considered proper by said counsel.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 21st. 1811. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell. May, & Weld.—

On the application of Col. Messenger in behalf of the proprietors on Sheaffes lane; the Chairman called the attention of the board to consider the expediency of continuing said Lane through M^r. Amory's land westerly to Common street.—plans of the ground were exhibited; and the Chairman, M^r. Oliver & M^r. Weld appointed a committee to confer with the late purchaser of M^r. Amory's land, and to ascertain whether any alteration of the streets in the neighbourhood could be made to the [**54.**] satisfaction of the abutters, to meet the wishes of the applicants, without expence to the Town.—

M^r. Wright being present—proposals were presented from Mr Nathl Tucker & Seth Mann for the complete repair of the unpaved part of the Neck.—the subject was considered, when it appearing to be the opinion that an extension of the time for receiving proposals would bring forward other contractors; it was agreed to advertise anew for proposals to be made about the 1st. Sep. next.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 26. 1811. Present Messrs Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Foster, & Weld.—

Passed the quarterly Accounts.

An application was received from a number of the occupants of the Town house, praying for a reduction of their rents.—the

same was referred to Mr. Wright & Mr. Weld, the committee formerly appointed on this subject.

The Board came to the Choice of a Superintendent of Police, and the Votes being [55.] taken Charles Bulfinch Esq. was declared to be chosen.—

Voted, That the sum of Four hundred dollars be allowed & paid unto the Superintendent of Police, in addition to his salary of six hundred dollars for the present year commencing in March last.

On application of Mr Jeremiah Bridge Assistant Officer of Police, Voted, That his salary for the present year be at the rate of Five hundred Dollars, the same to commence in March last.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen September 2d. 1811. Present Messrs Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell & Wright.—

This meeting was called, at the request of the Town Treasurer, to consider the amount of bonds to be given by the Deputy Collectors, and to act upon the names of persons proposed by them for their sureties.—

The law on this subject was examined; but there not being a sufficient number of members present no business was transacted but it was agreed to invite the Chairman & Secretary of the Committee on the pecuniary concerns of the Town to meet the board on Wednesday next, to explain some of the provisions of the Report of that committee relative to collection of taxes; which has been adopted by the Town.—

[56.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sept. 4, 1811. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Foster & Weld.—

An application was made by the Clerk of the Mill Pond Corporation, in writing, to request the board to appoint a time for meeting the Directors, in order to view the land in the Mill Pond, filled in for the next dividend.—After viewing the Plans & referring to the former votes of the board, to locate the Town's proportion of the section now to be divided—it was agreed that the board would meet the Directors tomorrow at 1 o'Clock to view the land filled in, and to determine whether it was completed agreeably to the contract.

No new proposals having been offered for repairing the Neck—The Chairman, Mr. Oliver, Mr. Hunnewell, Mr. Porter, & Mr. Weld were chosen a committee to examine into the state of the Neck; to confer with any person who may offer to supply materials & to execute the work; and to report what they should consider expedient to be done.

On the application of David Tilden & Joseph May Esq[rs]. for liberty to open [57.] the Common Sewer in Federal street, for the purpose of repairing or new laying the same.—Ordered, that the applicants notify the proprietors according to law, and that they proceed with the work.—

Mess[rs]. Oliver, Wright & Weld a committee to consider the request of M[r]. Frothingham, that he may alter the position of the old Gun house, on the Town's land near the South Writing School.—

James Bowdoin Esq. has liberty to open the common sewer in Kilby street, for the purpose of cleansing & repairing the same; he being directed to notify the proprietors according to law.—

On the application of Ebenezer Hancock Esq. and M[r]. William Cleland, they have liberty to proceed to open the ground in Middlecot street for the purpose of cleansing and enlarging the common sewer—the proprietors having been notified by them.—

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen September 11th. 1811. Present Mess[rs]. Bulfinch, Porter, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Webb & Weld.—

28 Jurors were drawn for the Court of Common Pleas.

The Committee appointed to view [58.] the Neck—reported that the proprietors of 1400 feet of lots, should be immediately called upon to put that portion of the street in order agreeably to contract—& that a portion of the east side nearest to Roxbury of about 500 feet in length should be proceeded upon to be put into complete repair—as a means of ascertaining the rate of expence.—& the Chairman, M[r]. Porter and M[r]. Hunnewell were desired to direct and superintend the same.—

A number of applications for Auction Licenses were received—& being fully considered the following persons were approved—on condition that they should not transact business in Market or Dock Square or State Street.—

John Perkins	John A. Parkman
Henry White	Daniel Oliver

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septem[r]. 18th. 1811. Present Mess[rs]. Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Wright, Webb & Weld.

5 Jurors were drawn for the Court of Common Pleas.

Return was made by Cap[t]. Tristram Barnard of the expence of repairing the common sewer in Green street, the account whereof being duly examined by the Selectmen was by them allowed:

they being informed [**59.**] at the same time that all persons concerned in said drain had been notified according to law, and no objection had been made; assessment was now made, an order of payment was passed by the Selectmen as follows vizt.

Whereas a drain or common sewer has been laid in Green street conformably to the directions of the Selectmen the whole expense whereof amounts to Four hundred and Twenty four Dollars. Which expense is to be borne by such persons whose drains enter therein & receive benefit thereby:

Wherefore We, the Subscribers, Selectmen of said Town of Boston certify that having considered the same expence and by whom & in what manner it ought to be paid *Do Adjudge* that the same be paid in the proportion following and by the persons hereafter named, viz.

Boston mill Corporation by agreement with their Directors, $100 Nath. P. Russell, Thos. Hopkins, Nehem^{r}: Freeman, Danl. D. Rogers, John Parkman, Thos. K. Jones [**60.**] Benjamin Cooledge, Thos. W. Sumner, William Homer, William Cleland, Eben^{r}. Hancock, Ozias Goodwin, Jon^{a}: Chapman, Benjamin Weld, Samuel Parkman, M^{rs}: Merritt, Jonas Cooledge, Estate of B. Hall, each 1 Cellar, 1 Pump, at $12,70.

—— Buxton, 2 Cellars at $12.70.

And^{w}: Ritchie, William Dehon, Thomas Cushing, —— Matchet, John R. Miller, M^{rs}. Peirce, each 1 Pump, at $6.35.

Joseph Cooledge, 3 Cellars, at $19.05

Thos. Melville, 2 Cellars, 2 Pumps, at $25.40.

And we hereby empower M^{r}. Adam Rupp to demand & receive the same & give discharges therefor

Sign'd CHARLES BULFINCH, JOSEPH FOSTER, EBEN^{R} OLIVER, NATHAN WEBB, BENJ^{A} WELD } Major part of the Selectmen.

[**61.**] Return was made by M^{r}. Samuel Perkins of the expense of repairing the common sewer in Water street, the account whereōf being duly examined by the Selectmen was by them allowed; they being informed, at the same time that all persons concerned in said drain had been notified according to law and no objection had been made; Assessment was now made an order of payment was passed by the Selectmen as follows viz.

Whereas a drain or common sewer has been laid in Water street conformably to the directions of the Selectmen, the whole expense whereof amounts to two hundred and nine dollars seventy three cents. which expense is to be borne by such persons whose

drains enter therein and receive benefit thereby. Wherefore We the subscribers, Selectmen of said Town of Boston certify that having considered the same expense and by whom and in what manner it ought to be paid *Do Adjudge* that the same be paid in the proportion following and by the persons hereafter named viz,

Samuel Perkins, Thomas Marshall, Andrew Brimmer, William Whitwell, Bill Vose, D^r^. Fleet, Joseph Rowe Esq., Eben^r^. T. Andrews, Samuel Spear, Peter R. Dalton Esq. Rich^d^. D. Tucker, William English, M^r^. Kendall, M^rs^. Hatch, M^rs^. Watts, M^rs^. Howe, Water Street, each 1 Share at $3.18.

[62.] Rufus G. Amory, Water Street, 4 Shares at $12.72.

Abiel Smith, M^rs^. Stevens, Devonshire Street, each 1 Share at $3.18.

Shubael Bell, M^r^. Driscol, M^rs^. Minot, M^r^. Loring, M^r^. Ashton, Spring Lane, each 1 Share at $3.18.

William Stackpole, Spring Lane, 2 Shares at $6.36.

Samuel Elliot, William Phillips, James Bowdoin, Daniel D. Rogers, O. Brewster, John Parker Esq. David Hinkley, Beacon Street, each 1 Share at $3.18.

David Sears, Beacon Street, 2 Shares at $6.36.

David Greenough Estate, School Street, 3 Shares at $9.54.

[63.] Joseph Foster Esq., Benj^a^. B. Leeds, Augustus Hunt, J. Bright, Maj^r^. Dean, Samuel Thayer, D^r^. Wests Estate, Gen Arnold Welles, Samuel Thayer, D^r^. Warren, School Street, each 1 Share at $3.18.

Messrs. Kilham & Mears, School Street, 2 Shares at $6.36.

Ab^m^. Wild, School Street, 3 Shares at $9.54.

Adam Babcock, M^r^. Bumstead, M^rs^. Hubbard, Francis Barrett, Ab^m^. Tuckerman, M^rs^. Scott, D. D. Rogers or A. Richards, Common Street, each 1 Share at $3.18.

M^r^. Ashton, Jno. Joy, Cornhill, each 1 Share at $3.18.

M^r^. Boylstons Estate, School Street, 1 Share at 3.18.

And we hereby empower M^r^. Saml. Perkins to demand & receive the same & to give discharges therefor

Signed CHARLES BULFINCH
W^M^. PORTER
EBEN^R^. OLIVER
NATHAN WEBB
BENJ^A^. WELD.
} Selectmen of Boston.

[64.] The Chairman & M^r^. Weld, a committee to confer with the proprietors of land at West Boston, now advertized for sale, lying north of Cambridge Street, relative to continuing the cross streets from Cambridge street through said land.—

M^r^. Foster added to the committee to consider the Town house rents, particularly with regards to a proposal from the Aqueduct corporation to hire a room for their clerks &c.

Agreed that M^r^. Frothingham should have liberty to remove the old Gun house on to the Towns land, provided he can first

obtain the consent of the firewards to remove the building; and shall give an obligation to pay a reasonable ground rent, & to take the building & all other incumbrances off the ground, whenever required by the Selectmen.—

The application of the Treasurer respecting the bonds to be given by the Deputy Collectors was considered; and the Chairman was desired to hand the votes of the Town to Charles Jackson Esq. to ask his opinion concerning such bonds, and the course the Collectors should pursue to carry the late votes of the Town into effect.

[**65.**] M^r. Thomas Dennie handed in a petition from the abutters on Wiltshire street, West Boston, praying for an alteration of the name for reasons set forth in their petition,—whereupon Voted. That the short street now called Wiltshire street shall be added to Chambers street, & that in future said Chambers street shall extend from the southerly end thereof on Cambridge street to the northerly end thereof on Poplar street.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen September 25. 1811. Present Mess Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, May, Wright Webb & Weld.

Mr Vose of Westford complained of damage sustained by his horse breaking through a plank of the bridge in Pond street.—he was requested to present an account of the damages and expences incurred.—

The Committee to consider the rents of the rooms in the Town house reported—that a deduction of 100 dollars be made from the rent of M^r. Rea, Mr Barry & M^r. Gilmore and of 50 Dollars from the printing office occupied by M^r. Clap to commence at the beginning of next quarter.—

[**66.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen September 30th. 1811. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Webb & Weld.

Passed the Monthly Accounts.—

Messrs. David Taylor and Nathl. Gammage were approved as Auctioneers, while they shall continue in partnership—& conditioned not to occupy any store in Market or Dock Squares or State street.—

On the application of Mr Danl. Oliver, he is licensed to use the brick stable of the house he now occupies at the corner of Court & Tremont streets, for keeping horses for the accommodation of the boarders in his house. agreeably to the terms of his application.—

Mr Daniel Greenleaf Oliver, having been suitably recommended is approved & licensed to keep a private school to teach the English, Latin & Greek Languages.—

Return was made by David Tilden Esq. of the expence of repairing the common sewer in Federal street, the account whereof being duly examined by the Selectmen was by them allowed: [**67.**] they being informed at the same time, that all persons concerned in said drain, had been notified according to law, & no objection had been made; assessment was now made, an order of payment was passed by the Selectmen as follows—viz.

Whereas a drain or common sewer has been laid in Federal street conformably to the directions of the Selectmen, the whole expence whereof amounts to Two hundred & Six dollars $^{55}/_{100}$, which expence is to be borne by such persons whose drains enter therein & receive benefit thereby: Wherefore, we the subscribers, Selectmen of said Town of Boston certify that having considered the same expence & by whom & in what manner it ought to be paid, *Do Adjudge* that the same be paid in the proportion following & by the persons hereafter named.—viz.

Stephen Hull and John Ashton, 2 shares 8.26, cross drain 1.60, 9.86 each.

James F. Dickinson and Wm Hunt, 2 drains 8.26, cross drain 1.20, 9.46 each.

John F. Williams, J. B. Borland, John Heard for Thos. Neill, Saml. H. Hewes, Widow Blanchard, [**68.**] William Bird, Martin Blake, Widow Powars, Benj^a. Johnson (for Emmerson), Benj^a. Hanners, David Tilden Esq., Joseph May Esq., Widow Sarah Fox, and Thomas Tileston, one drain, 4.13 each.

William Turner, —— Cushing, David W. Child, Charles Walley, Jonathan Amory, Francis Welsh, Thomas Parsons, Stephen Deblois, Benj^a. Whitman, Joseph Foster, and Charles Miller, 2 drains, 8.26 each.

Saml. G. Perkins and Timothy Williams, 3 drains, 12.39 each.

And we hereby authorize and empower David Tilden Esq. to demand & receive the above sums from the persons above named and to give discharges therefor.—

[**69.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen, October 2^d. 1811, Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, May, Webb & Weld.

On the application of M^r. Snelling Powell & James Dickenson, they and their associates were approved, to act & carry on stage plays, interludes & other theatrical entertainments, for one year from this date, in the Theatre in Federal street.—

The Chairman & Mr. Foster are desired to direct repairs to be done to the passage way under the arch in Franklin place—by paving the same if necessary, & taking suitable measures for conveying off the water from Arch street.—

A letter was received from the Town Treasurer, in answer to the communication from the board to him relative to the mode he intended to pursue in collecting taxes—according to the late votes of the Town—The papers were handed to Mr. Oliver & Mr. Weld and they were desired to confer with the Treasurer on the subject, & report at the next meeting.

Jurors were drawn for the Circuit Court.

Mr. Wright and Mr. Foster were chosen to consider what arrangements were expedient to be adopted for the sweeping of [70.] chimneys—& to confer with Mr. Vinton on that subject.—

Agreed to proceed to perambulate the bounds between Boston & Roxbury, & between South Boston & Dorchester on Thursday next. The Chairman to notify the Selectmen of the Towns of Roxbury & Dorchester.—

The following was presented by John Lowell Esq. agreeably to the request of the board of the 7th August last and is now entered a record of the street leading from Common street to Mason street at the south end of land lately sold by the Town.

Upon the application of John Lowell, praying that the street leading from Common street into Mason street might be so altered as that it might be at right angles with Common street, preserving however its present width, & the said John Lowell & Mr. John Amory the only abuttors on said street having consented for this purpose to make mutual exchanges with the Town, —Therefore Voted, That it is expedient and for the interest of the Town, that the direction of said street should be so far altered as that it shall take in two feet and an half of the lot sold to said John Lowell on Common street giving him [71.] in exchange five feet and an half on Mason street, so that his lot in future shall measure only twenty-six feet & an half on Common street instead of twenty-nine feet as sold by the Town—and that said John Amory shall have a right to take into his land two feet six inches on Common street giving in the rear five feet six inches—the said Lowell & Amory having agreed to said exchanges, and having further agreed to ask no compensation of the Town for the same—And the Selectmen do therefore in pursuance of the authority vested in them by law widen the street leading from Common street to Mason street at the westerly end thereof by taking in two feet and an half of the land of John Lowell Esq. and by allowing the said Lowell to take in compensation therefor

five feet and an half of the Towns land on Mason street—and they do further widen the easterly end of said street by taking into the said street five feet & an half of Mr. John Amory's rear land giving him in compensation therefor two feet & an half of land on Common street—the said exchange being in the opinion of this body for the convenience of the inhabitants of this Town, & contributing to straighten one of the public streets.

[**72.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 9th. 1811. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, May, Wright, Webb & Weld.

Mr Benjamin Rand, having produced recommendations from the Government of Harvard College & from Artemas Ward Esq. of this Town, was approved to keep a private school to instruct in the Latin, Greek and English languages.—

4 Jurors drawn for Com. Pleas to supply vacancies.

On application from the committee of the third Baptist Church —Agreed to loan that society the benches belonging to Faneuil Hall, while their house is repairing on condition that they agree to repair any damage that may happen to them.

The Chairman was desired to apply to the Assessors for a list of inhabitants qualified to serve as jurors—that the board may proceed to select suitable names for the boxes.—

The subject of the Collection of Taxes according to the late votes of the Town, & the bonds to be required of the Deputies were particularly considered. The Treasurers' answer to the communication from the board was read—which not appearing to be sufficiently [**73.**] particular—The Chairman was desired to lay before the Treasurer the opinion received from Mr Jackson, and to request an answer conformably thereto before the next weekly meeting.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 10th. 1811. Present the whole board except Mr. Hunnewell. Agreeably to assignment the Board proceeded to the line between Boston & Roxbury & also to the line between South Boston & Dorchester, perambulated the bounds in company with the Selectmen of those Town's—and agreed that Mr. Porter should be a committee in conjunction with Mr. Brewer of Roxbury, & that Mr. Hunnewell should be a committee in conjunction with Mr. Withington of Dorchester to affix permanent land marks where they should think necessary on the bounds of the respective Towns.—their reports to be presented to be signed by the Selectmen when completed.

[**74.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 16th. 1811. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Webb and Weld.—

Return was made by Mr William Cleland & Ebenezer Hancock Esq. of repairing the common sewer in Middlecott street, the account whereof being duly examined by the Selectmen was by them allowed; they being informed at the same time that all persons concerned in said drain had been notified according to law & no objection had been made; Assessment was now made, an order of payment was passed by the Selectmen as follows viz.—

Whereas a drain or common sewer has been laid in Middlecott street conformably to the direction of the Selectmen, the whole expence whereof amounts to five hundred & thirty three dollars, which expence is to be borne by such persons whose drains enter therein & receive benefit thereby. Wherefore; We the subscribers, Selectmen of the said Town of Boston certify that having considered the same expence & by whom & in what manner it ought to be paid *Do Adjudge* that the same be paid in the proportion following and by the [**75.**] persons hereafter named— viz.—

Ozias Goodwin, Andrew Richie, —— Ditson, Thomas Cushing, Samuel R. Miller, Capt. —— Matchett, John Parkman, Benjamin Coolidge, each one pump, $17.80; Joseph Coolidge, two pumps, $35.60; Ebenezer Hancock, Samuel Train, Josiah Bumstead, each one cellar, $17.80; William Cleland, Nathaniel P. Russell, Capt. —— Hopkins, Nehemiah Freeman, Daniel D. Rogers, Thomas W. Sumner, William Homer, each one cellar and one pump, $35.60; Thomas K. Jones, two cellars and one pump, $53.40.

And We hereby empower Mr. Adam Rupp to demand & receive the same & give discharges therefor.

(Signed) Chs Bulfinch, Wm Porter, Ebenr. Oliver, Nathan Webb, Benj Weld } Major part of the Selectmen.

[**76.**] The following proceedings were directed to be entered at large on the journals of the Selectmen.

Copy of a letter from Charles Jackson Esq. in consequence of the Vote of the board of 18th September.—

Sep. 24. 1811

Sir

I have considered the questions which you proposed to me, on the subject of the Deputy Collectors of Taxes to be appointed in this Town.

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By virtue of the Act of June 18th. 1802. and the vote of the Town of May 1811. the Collector may appoint four Deputies & commit to them at once the whole tax for collection; or he may consider them rather as Assistants, & commit to them from time to time distinct lists or parts of the tax. Although the Selectmen have no power to control or direct the Collector on this subject; yet as they must fix the sum & approve the sureties for the bonds to be given by the Deputies, it is important for them to know which of the above modes the Collector intends to adopt. In one case a bond with sufficient sureties in the sum of five thousand dollars might be ample security; and in the other case thirty thousand dollars might be insufficient. I would therefore recommend [**77.**] that the Selectmen should cause a communication to be formally made in writing to the Collector, suggesting the motives for the inquiry, & desiring particular information as to the course that he intends to pursue. You can also mention, either in conversation or in writing, the mode which the Selectmen think most advisable; and the Collector will undoubtedly be glad to have the aid & countenance he will derive from your opinion in a new case like the present. You will request an answer from the Collector in writing, which being preserved on your files will always shew the grounds on which you have proceeded. It is not to be expected that the Collector will decline to give such an answer. If however he should do so, you will then take it for granted that the Deputies *may* have the whole Tax committed to them at once, & you will fix the amount of their bonds & the quality of their sureties accordingly; and if the persons nominated by the Collector can not give such bonds, & the intention of the Town should be thereby defeated, it will not be justly chargeable to the Selectmen.

As to the question respecting the issuing of notifications by the Treasurer, the vote of the Town is not perfectly clear & explicit; but I think the intention was, that every citizen should be allowed sixty days after receiving [**78.**] his tax bill, to pay it without any fees to the officer, if not then paid, he is to have a *new Notification*, apprising him of the consequence of not paying it within ten days from that time. If this time also passes without payment of the tax the Treasurer must issue his warrant as directed in the Town's Vote. The doubt is, whether the ten days are to be part of the sixty days, or to be in addition to the sixty. I am inclined to think that the latter was the intention; & while there is any doubt, it is safest to err on the side of lenity in enforcing a new system; & to allow too much, rather than too little time, for payment of the Taxes.—

I am sir very respectfully your obedient servant

Signd CHARLES JACKSON.

Charles Bulfinch Esq.
Chairman of the Selectmen
Boston.—

On considering the above the Board directed a communication to be made to the Treasurer which is as follows.—

Sir

The Selectmen have considered the subject which you proposed to them relative to the amount of bonds to be given by the Deputies which you may [**79.**] appoint to assist in the collection of taxes according to the late votes of the Town;—and before they can come to any determination thereon, they wish you to inform them in writing of the particular mode in which you mean to employ the Deputies; of the amount which will be at any one time in their hands; and of the rules which you shall expect them to observe in making returns and for the security of the sums they may collect.—

As the law has confided to the Selectmen the approbating the sureties & the fixing the amount of the bonds—they wish to be well informed upon the above particulars, & request your answer, that they may be enabled to execute what is incumbent on them for carrying into effect, without delay the system proposed by the Ward Committee.—

In reply to the above—The Town Treasurer presented the following.

Charles Bulfinch Esq. BOSTON 30th Sep. 1811.

Sir

In answer to your communication of the 25th Instant in behalf of the Gentlemen, Selectmen, respecting the appointment of Deputy Collectors & the mode in which I [**80.**] propose to employ them, I would observe, that I shall endeavour to comply with the spirit of the several votes of the Town on the subject, as near as I can consistent with their interest. I propose to furnish each Deputy Collector with printed blank receipts for each person from whom they receive a tax. these receipts will be numbered and a margin left in each book, to put down the name of the persons to whom the receipt was given with the date and the amount received, I shall direct each Deputy Collector, to make a settlement with me for these receipts at least once in each week. It will be impossible for me at this time, to say, what amount will be committed to them to collect, this depends on the amount that may be voluntarily paid in before the expiration of seventy days from the date of the bills.—as they will be appointed *during pleasure*, I shall always endeavour to fix the sum put into their hands so as to come within the amount of their bonds—these are the general outlines of the plan, I propose to adopt, and I shall be much obliged to the gentlemen Selectmen for any information or instructions they may please to give me on the subject, I am with great respect your most H. Servt.

(Signed) WM SMITH.

[**81.**] The foregoing having been considered at the meetings of October 2d. & 9th. and not appearing sufficiently particular, the Chairman was desired to lay before the Treasurer the opinion received from Mr. Jackson, & request an answer before the next meeting.—

The following was addressed to the Treasurer by the Chairman.—

Dr. Sir

I laid before the Selectmen your communication of the 30th September respecting the collection of Taxes under the new system: they have directed me to request a more particular detail of the course you intend to pursue as far as can be done in this stage of the business.—I hand you herewith the sketch of some votes which are under consideration with the board; they have not yet been adopted by them, but may serve to convey to you their opinion of the degree of trust which should be reposed in the Deputies—and a plan to avoid the appearance of partiality in enforcing the collection.—please to inform me if such suggestions are so far agreeable to you as that you will conform to them.—to which the following answer was received.—

Charles Bulfinch Esq. Boston 15th Octr. 1811.

Sir,

The Votes that you inclosed [**82.**] to me in your letter of this date, that are under the consideration of the Board of Selectmen appears to be very near the mode, I had proposed to adopt in the collection of taxes under the new system, for the present year. I do not know of any more particular detail I can give to the Board, than the one contained in my letter of the 30th ultimo.—If the Selectmen should think fit to adopt the Votes they have under consideration, I shall endeavour to conform to their instructions in the amount to be delivered to the Collectors for collection at one time, and in directing them to make a weekly settlement with me for the sums they receive—I would suggest to the Board, whether the sum of $3000—to be given to each one to collect will not be better than $2500,—this will give to each Collector an even sum of $1000 for each Ward.—& will come so far within their bonds that the Town will not run any risk of a loss.

I am with Esteem Yr H S'

(Signed) Wm Smith

Charles Bulfinch Esq.
Chairman Board Selectmen.

The above correspondence having been read; the last communication from the Treasurer [**83.**] was considered satisfactory. and it was Voted. That each of the Deputy Collectors to be

appointed by the Treasurer to assist in the collection of taxes under the late votes of the Town should give bonds to the inhabitants of the Town of Boston in the sum of Five Thousand Dollars with two or more sureties.—

Voted. That the Treasurer and Collector be informed that in the opinion of the Selectmen, it would be expedient & proper, that he should deliver to each Deputy, a number of tax bills to collect, the amount of which should not exceed at any time, to each Deputy the sum of three thousand dollars; and that he should require from each of said Deputy Collectors a weekly return of his doings, and payment of all sums by him collected in that time. That the Treasurer in delivering the bills to the Deputy Collectors, observe the following method.—

To deliver to the Deputy for each Division of the Town an equal amount from each of the tax books of the three wards in his division: and to deliver them in the alphabetical order in which they stand in the books; without any exception or discrimination of persons.

[84.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 23d. 1811. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Wright, Webb & Weld.

A report was received from the committee chosen by the Town to consider the best mode of removing the filth of the Town.— The Chairman was desired to hand the documents accompanying this report to the Board of Health and inform them, that there would be a Town Meeting early in November, and that any communication to the Town on this subject might then be made, if they should think it expedient.

Notice was received from Wm Sullivan Esq that the ground on which the Hay Scales now stand was intended to be appropriated to other use by its owners, & requesting that the building should be removed therefrom—The Chairman was desired to inform Mr. Sullivan that the board would take measures to remove the building as soon as possible—and was desired to prepare a place for a new scales—& to view the platform balance of Mr. Dearborn— to ascertain whether that machine could be adopted by the Town to advantage.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 28th 1811. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Wright & Weld.—

Passed the Monthly Accounts.

[85.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 29th. 1811. Present Messr. Bulfinch, Oliver, May, Wright, Foster, Webb & Weld.—

This Meeting was held for the purpose of selecting suitable names from the lists of the inhabitants to renew the jury boxes.— the business was commenced and proceeded on—and adjourned to continue this duty to Friday 1st November.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 30th. 1811. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, May, Wright, Foster, Webb & Weld.

Passed the remaining accounts.

The following persons were approved as Auctioneers—

George Noble & Horatio Bass in Company, Samuel Tufts & James Bourguin. upon the late conditions adopted by the board that they should not occupy any place of business in State street or Market square.

Upon the request of Mr. Peck, the Agent of the Mill Pond Corporation, the Selectmen considered what portion of the land filled up between Pond street & Charlestown street, they would select for the [**86.**] Town's proportion in that quarter so far as shall be made solid land this season; and it appeared from Mr. Carletons certificate that the following pieces had been filled in.— viz.—

Between Cooper & Stillman streets	33535..—
Between Stillman & Cross streets	36835..—
South of Cross street	24733..—
West adjoining Canal	5950..—
Triangle adjoining Spears land	5928..—
	106981..
deduct the land conveyed to P. Nichols	30020..—
	76961..—
Towns 1/8	9620..—

It was agreed by the board that the Town's 1/8 of the above should be located in one piece bounded northerly on Stillman street 190 ft. Easterly on Pond street 50.8 & Westerly on Charlestown street 50.8—subject to alterations in the dimensions, if any error in Mr. Carleton's calculations should be discovered.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen November 1st. 1811. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, May, Wright. Foster, Webb & Weld.

The time was occupied in further examinations of the lists for jury boxes.

Adjourned to Tuesday 5th. Instant.

[87.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen November 5th. 1811. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Wright, Webb & Weld.—

The business of Jurors was resumed and was so far completed as to determine to hold a Town Meeting on Monday 11th. instant. to lay the lists before the Town for confirmation and a Warrant was signed accordingly.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen November 6th. 1811. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver. May, Hunnewell, Wright, Foster & Webb.

passed the Accounts to complete the monthly draft.

A letter was received from the Directors of the Mill Pond Corporation in which they propose that if the Selectmen would consent "that the division of land between the Town and proprietors "should be carried into effect; they would give an obligation "from the Directors, in behalf of the Corporation to fill up the "Town's lots & the street, to the acceptance of the Board as "soon as the season will admit next Spring.—This subject was considered, and it was Voted that the Board could not accept any new obligation from the Directors in behalf of the Corporation, which would authorize them to proceed to execute releases according to [88.] the contract between the Town and Corporation.

The Chairman was desired to communicate the above, and was authorized to suggest to the Directors, that the Board was disposed to favour their wishes as far as should be consistent with the duty and responsibility imposed on them by the contract—and if found consistent with this duty, would proceed to execute the releases upon receiving a bond from the Directors or other members of the Corporation approved by the Selectmen, engaging in their individual capacity to complete the land and streets to the satisfaction of the board, in the course of the next summer.

Messrs. Shubael Bell, Stephen Davis & John Heard Junr Esq were approved as sureties to Thomas Stevenson Junr. appointed a Deputy Collector by the Town Treasurer.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen November 13th. 1811. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, May, Wright, Foster & Webb.

Jurors were drawn for the Supreme Court, also jurors for the District Court.

Application for regulating & paving gutters in Somerset street was read & it was determined to be too late in the season to undertake so large a work.—

[**89.**] Agreed that the office in the Town House, lately occupied by D. Everett Esq. should be let at 175 dollars p^{r}. annum.

Benj^{a}. Bass Junr. & Ephraim Marsh were approved as sureties to Elisha Copeland, appointed by the Town Treasurer one of the Deputy Collectors of Taxes.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen November 20th 1811. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Hunnewell, Wright, Foster & Webb.

Jurors were drawn to supply deficiencies in the lists for Supreme and District Courts, occasioned by several persons being absent from Town.—

The Chairman reported a plan & estimate for a new Hay Scales to be erected in the vacant space, north end of Pleasant street near the Pound. the same was approv'd and the Chairman & Mr Hunnewell appointed to see to its execution & to regulate the ground for that purpose.

H. G. Otis Esq. appeared in behalf of the Directors of the Mill Pond Corporation, to confer with the board on their understanding of the contract respecting the height to which the streets and lots [**90.**] should be filled;—after discussing the subject he withdrew and the board determined that Mr Taylor should be employed to take an accurate level of the streets & lots on the Mill Pond, & to note the following particulars. 1st. The height of the shoulders of the posts on Pond street above the present level of Merrimack street. 2^{d}. The height of the crown of Pond street above the shoulders of the posts.—3^{d}. The height to which the late tides arose above the present level of Merrimack street—Messrs Call, Tidd & Todd can give the water level of the late tides. 4th. The height of the crown of Pond street above the late tides.

Voted. That the Board be summoned to meet on Monday next 10 o'Clock to receive the above survey and to proceed to view the ground—and that each member be notified specially of the meeting & be requested to attend.

Return was made by M^{r}. Francis James of repairing the common sewer in Fleet street, the account whereof being duly examined by the Selectmen was by them allowed; they being informed at the same time that all persons concerned in said drain had been notified according to law & no objection had been made: Assessment was now made, an [**91.**] order of payment was passed by the Selectmen as follows viz. —

Whereas a drain or common sewer has been laid in Fleet street conformably to the directions of the Selectmen the whole expence whereof amounts to Sixty dollars, seventy two cents, which expence is to be borne by such persons whose drains enter therein & receive benefit thereby. Wherefore we the subscribers, Selectmen of the said Town of Boston certify that having considered the same expence and by whom and in what manner it ought to be paid *Do Adjudge* that the same be paid in the proportion following and by the persons hereafter named—viz.

Francis James, Ephraim Breed, Mrs English, Anthony Currant, Samuel Beals, M^rs —— Lobb, Col John May, Joseph Austin, Edwd. Oliver, Joab Hunt, William Cordwell Capt. Josiah Barnard, John Howard, —— Lybee, Joshua Ellis, Col Thos Badger Agent for Stonehouse, [**92.**] David Dickerson, John Brazer, David Stanwood, Capt. Thomas Rogers, Amos Lewis, Capt. Daniel Waters, and Samuel Waters, 2.64 each

And we hereby empower M^r. Samuel Harris to demand & receive the same & give discharges therefor.

Signed

Charles Bulfinch
Wm Porter
Eben^r Oliver
John May
Jon^o Hunnewell
Joseph Foster
Nathan Webb

} Selectmen

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Monday morning Novem^r 25th. 1811. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Foster, Webb & Weld.

The following survey of the Mill Pond land was presented from William Taylor surveyor, and certified by him.—

"1st. The average height of the shoulders of the posts on Pond street is 17½ inches above the average height of Merrimack street.—

2^d. The height of the crown of Pond street [**93.**] averages 14 inches above the shoulders, excepting from Cross street to the Canal which is 19 inches.—

3^d. The height of the highest tide marked in different places; by M^r. Todd at the Causeway—

M^r. Call at Gouch's Lane
M^r. Brown at Pitts' Lane
M^r. Tidd at Ivers Lane
M^r. Tufts at Union Street—

all agree and is level with the shoulders of the posts, deducting 1 inch; which makes the highest tides 16½ inches above the present level of Merrimack street.—

4th. The crown of Pond street is the same height above the late tides as it is above the shoulders, adding one inch, which makes it part 15 inches & part 20 inches above the highest tide."—

The above was read & considered, and the gentlemen present proceeded to Pond street to view the marks referred to, and the state of the land generally.—and having returned to the hall—the following was agreed upon to be sent to the Clerk of the Mill Corporation.—

Sir

In consequence of the personal communication from the Hon. [94.] H. G. Otis on the 20th instant, in behalf of the Directors of the Boston Mill Corporation the Selectmen have considered the present state of the land from Union street to the westerly end of the Causeway. For this purpose they have had a special meeting and have viewed the ground. They direct me to inform you that they are convinced of the necessity that Merrimack street and the streets between that and the shore should be raised to the level of Pond street; and cannot agree to give discharges for any portion of said land until the above described work shall be completed.—

They also expect that Cross street to the west of Pond street and such parts of the Market place and other streets as are filled, will be raised to the same level, in the course of the next season.

By order of the Selectmen

(Signed) CHARLES BULFINCH Chairman.

Wm Minot Esq.

At a meeting in the Afternoon

Passed the Quarterly Accounts.

[95.] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen November 27th. 1811. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Foster & Webb.

Whereas Josiah Quincy Esq. upon application to the Selectmen obtained liberty to lay a common sewer in High street, reaching from opposite the entrance of the alley behind the house of Samuel Cabot Esq. to the head of Pearl street; and it having been made to appear to the Board that said work has been properly executed; and the expence of the same being ascertained to amount to one hundred & ninety-five dollars.—It is hereby ordered & adjudged, by the Selectmen that the several persons who have laid their cross drains into said common sewer or main drain or receive benefit therefrom shall be assessed their proportion of the above expence as follows—viz

Josiah Quincy Esq. seven shares, $105; Josh H. Dorr, two shares, $30; Saml. Cabot Esq James Neelson, Hugh Neelson, Peter Banner, each one share, $15.

And we hereby empower Benjamin [**96.**] Guild Esq. to collect & receive the same and to give discharges therefor.—

Signed. CHARLES BULFINCH
WM PORTER
EBENR OLIVER
JONA HUNNEWELL
JOHN MAY
JOSEPH FOSTER
NATHAN WEBB
} Selectmen.

Mr Joshua Ellis having built a new fence in front of his house in Sun Court street by which he has thrown a piece of land, the length of said fence & about two feet wide into the street. it is agreed that Mr May shall employ workmen to pave the said piece of land; it being understood that the same is added to the street as a public highway forever

Finished the Monthly Accounts.

The following persons having been well recommended, were approved as Auctioneers. viz. John Sprague, Fitz Edward Hutchings & Isaac P. Ingersol in company, & John C. Hastings.

Mr Foster added to the Committee to view Town house for alterations & repairs.—

The Chairman, Mr Hunnewell & Mr Foster a committee to view Copper street—to report [**97.**] what repairs were necessary to secure the head wall or abutment against the sea.—

The same committee were desired to consider the expediency of employing some person to assist Mr Nazro in the care of Faneuil Hall, & whether the same person could attend to the arranging of carts of cyder & wood in the streets, & of the compensation to be allowed him.—

Stephen Codman Esq. appeared as a Committee from the firewards, to state that the Gun house on Copps hill having been complained of as contrary to law—it would be their duty to enter prosecution with the Attorney General, unless the building should be made more secure:—and he having expressed an opinion that if the east side and roof were slated, the firewards would consider it properly secured agreeably to law: it was determined that the Chairman should inform the Secretary of the firewards that the building shall be so covered as soon as slates can be procured: and request six months for that purpose.—

The Committee of Firewards attached to Engine N°. 2 having represented that the new engine is defective in some of its parts,

particularly in its screws.—Ordered that the Captain of Engine N°. 2 be directed to carry the new engine to Mr Thayer & that he be informed [**98.**] that the board expect it shall be made conformably to the wishes of the firewards who have the charge of it.

The Chairman informed the board that he had been summoned to attend the Court of Sessions on the application of George Cockayne and John Jacobs who state that they have been refused licenses to sell spirituous liquors on the hill at West Boston—and pray that the Court of Sessions would grant them licenses for that purpose.—The Chairman was desired to attend the Court as summoned on Friday next, and state the principles which had induced the Board to refuse licenses in that neighbourhood—& the expence which was now necessary for constables to attend to keep order there—& that he ask the assistance of Mr Thacher before the Court.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen December 4th. 1811. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Foster & Webb.

The Chairman stated to the Board, that pursuant to summons he had attended the Court of Sessions on the application of Cockayne & Jacobs for licenses to retail spirits at their shops in Southack street, that they had been indulged with a hearing by counsel & the [**99.**] proceedings of the board had been explained by Peter Thacher Esq.—when the Court unanimously confirmed the proceedings of the board and refused the licenses prayed for.—

The committee to consider & report on the alterations and repairs of the Town house, presented a plan for the divisions of the room lately occupied by M^r. Park into small offices, with an estimate,—the same was approved & the committee was desired to proceed to execute the plan.—

A communication was received from the Assessors respecting the list of voters to be prepared for March next—the same was read and referred to the next meeting.—

An application was received from the Directors of the Boylston market Association requesting some regulations might be passed for carts in the neighbourhood of the Market house.—The Chairman was desired to prepare suitable regulations agreeably to the wishes of the gentlemen and conformable to the powers of the board.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen December 9th. 1811. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Wright, Foster & Webb.

[**100.**] A special Meeting—to draw 15 Jurors for Supreme Court.

M[r] Hunnewell & M[r] Foster were empowered to agree with D. Sargent Esq. by purchase or otherwise for his land on Essex street; the same being advertised for sale, and necessary to widen that street.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen December 11th. 1811. Present Mess[rs]. Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Foster & Webb.—

In compliance with a precept from the Hon. Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk. inquisition was made into the circumstances of Polly May, and return was made that she is non compos mentis, and that it is expedient that a Guardian should be appointed for her.

In consequence of the arguments lately urged before the Court of Sessions relative to licensed houses on the hill, south of Cambridge street; the question was considered whether it be advisable in the opinion of the board that they reconsider their former resolution, and grant licenses for sale of liquors to persons inhabiting houses or keeping shops in Southack street & the streets immediately [**101.**] adjacent.—Voted. That in the opinion of the Selectmen, no advantage would arise from granting licenses for retailing liquors in the part of the Town above referred to, and that the board adhere to their former resolution.—

Voted. That the constables who have been employed to keep order on the hill at West Boston, be dismissed for the season.—

The communication from the Assessors relative to lists of voters having been considered, Voted. That the Assistant Assessors be requested to meet, together with the Assessors and a committee of this board to consider & adopt measures to obtain correct lists for April next.—

The committee appointed Sep. 18. respecting streets through land north of Cambridge street, reported that they had viewed the plan of the land to be sold by M[r]. I. S. Colbourn, and find that the proprietors have marked out the streets through said land to conform to and continue the streets leading from Cambridge street.—Upon conferring with the residents in that part of the Town, they find it to be an important object to them to lay open the communication through at least one of these streets from Cambridge street to Leverett street; [**102.**] An estimate has been made of the expence of completing the most westerly street—including the building a piece of head wall at the bottom of Allen street, filling in the same & levelling the lower part of Allen

street crowning Bridge street fit for use—which amounts to 1275 dollars—An exertion has been made by those interested, & they have obtained subscription for 700 dollars; and if the board will appropriate any sum for this purpose, will endeavour to collect the balance that may be wanting. The subject having been considered. Voted. That the Chairman be empowered to promise a sum on the part of the Town, not to exceed 300 dollars, to be paid when the street shall be finished to the satisfaction of the Selectmen.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen December 18th. 1811. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Hunnewell, Foster, Webb & Weld.

28 Jurors drawn for Court of Com. Pleas.

Return was made by Mr. William Todd of the expence of laying a common sewer in Temple street, the account whereof being duly examined by the Selectmen was by them allowed; they being informed at the same time, [**103.**] that all persons concerned in said drain, had been notified according to law, & no objection had been made; Assessment was now made, an order of payment was passed by the Selectmen as follows—viz.

Whereas a drain or common sewer has been laid in Temple street conformably to the directions of the Selectmen, the whole expence whereof amounts to Seventy two dollars sixty eight cents —which expence is to be borne by such persons whose drains enter therein and receive benefit thereby: Wherefore, we the subscribers, Selectmen of said Town of Boston certify that having considered the same expence & by whom & in what manner it ought to be paid *Do Adjudge* that the same be paid in the proportion following and by the persons hereafter named—viz.

Thomas Dennie, Samuel Jepson, J. S. Eaton, James Sumner, William Jepson, Matthew Nazro, Abijah Norwood, Oliver Holmes, William Lancaster, Asa Payge, [**104.**] Ruggles Whiting, Andrew Green, Joseph Powers, Charles Coffin, Samuel Parkman, George Homer, —— Hodgskinson, Thomas Redman, Matthew Bailey, William Homer, at 3.16 each. William Breed (3 houses), 9.48.

And We hereby empower Mr. William Todd to demand and receive the same, and to give discharges therefor.—

(Signed) CHARLES BULFINCH, JONA. HUNNEWELL, JOS. FOSTER, NATHAN WEBB, BENJA. WELD } Selectmen.

Agreed to employ two persons as a patrole watch the ensuing season.—

Approved the indentures of James Hazard, a black boy, to Daniel & Eliza Oliver—to serve as a domestic servant until the 21st. day of March 1817.

The following rules & orders for regulating carriages in the streets near the Boylston Market house—having been prepared by vote of December 4th. are now recorded and ordered to be printed.

[**105.**] Whereas the Boylston Market Association have erected a large, elegant and convenient Market House, for the better accommodation of the inhabitants of the south part of Boston, and have requested the Selectmen to form such regulations as should appear to them necessary to prevent the streets in the neighbourhood of the market from being incumbered by carts :—the following.

Rules and Orders

are now established, to be in force from & after Wednesday the first day of January next, viz

No Cart, Waggon, or Sled, with Beef or Mutton, for sale, shall be allowed to stand in Orange, Newbury, Boylston or Essex streets.

No empty Carriage, or Carriages containing provisions of any kind, shall be allowed to stand in Boylston street.

Carriages containing provisions, except Beef or Mutton, shall be allowed to stand in Orange street in front of the Market house, in one line on the west side of the street, leaving two spaces for entrances to the Market House, to be designated & limited by the Clerk of the Market.—

And it is hereby Ordered, in [**106.**] pursuance of the authority given to the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Boston, by law of this Commonwealth, That if any owner or driver of any Cart, Waggon or Sled, with or without provisions for sale, shall stand in any other place, with his Carriage or load, in the streets near the Boylston Market House, than those described by these Rules and Orders, after the first day of January next, he shall forfeit & pay the sum of Five Dollars, upon conviction of every such breach of these Rules & Orders.—

By Order of the Selectmen

(signed) CHARLES BULFINCH, Chairman.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen December 26th. 1811. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Hunnewell, May, Foster & Webb.—

A special meeting for draft & selection of 20 jurors for Supreme Court—Also jurors for Court of Common Pleas, to supply deficiencies in former list.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen December 30th. 1811. Present Messs Bulfinch, Porter, Wright, Foster & Webb.

Passed the Monthly Accounts.

Jany 17. Regulations of Hackney Carriages.
July 22. Ditto— *General* for wood, hay, Carts &c &c
Aug. 31. New Watch organized.

[**107.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 8th. 1812. Present Messrs Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, Wright, Foster & Weld.—

Mr Tukesbury applied for a lease of Deer Island for three or more years—at the same time represented that he could not afford the present rent of three hundred dollars unless he could be privileged to employ one lighter in taking ballast from the Island.

It was determined that it was improper to grant any allowance or taking off ballast—but that a lease for three years be granted to Tukesbury at a rent not under two hundred dollars ℔r annum— The Chairman was desired to prepare the papers.

Statement was handed from the Treasurer of the sums received & paid since May last under the operation of the new mode of collection—and is on file—He also stated that so large a proportion of the tax had been paid, that in his opinion the three Deputy Collectors now qualified, would be sufficient to collect the balance.—it was agreed that the Treasurer should use his discretion in this respect.—

The Chairman was empowered in case of any heavy falls of snow to employ persons to clear or level the streets leading to the South Burying Ground.

[**108.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 17th. 1812. Present Messrs Bulfinch, Oliver, May, Foster, Webb & Weld.

Twelve Jurors were drawn for Supreme Court.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 22d. 1812. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Foster & Weld.

In consequence of the complaints against hackney carriages standing in Common street, and petitions from inhabitants of Milk street & Marlborough street, urging the removal of the wood from those streets; the attention of the board had been of late called to these subjects and several plans had been proposed to remove the just causes of complaint—it was now suggested

that if the hackney carriages were distributed at their stables & in the streets immediately opposite to them—Common street would be left unoccupied, and might be appropriated as a stand for wood carts.—The owners of the hackney carriages had been sounded, and it was found that a large proportion of them would be pleased with the arrangement proposed.—After considering the subject, it was agreed to adopt the measure, and the Chairman was desired to prepare suitable rules & orders for publication; and that the change should [**109.**] take place on the first Monday of March next.

The Chairman reported that he had attended, in behalf of the Board, at the trial of the indictment against the Town for a nuisance occasioned by the wharf for emptying the filth of the Town. into the river by the canal bridge; and that the jury had found the Town guilty of a nuisance—sentence had not yet been passed, and was delayed for the opinion of the whole Court, & to give the Town an opportunity of obviating the cause of complaint, either by wholly removing the wharf, or so altering and guarding it as to prevent nuisance in future.

A billet was read from M^rs^. Swan, informing that she should order to be taken down so much of the shed by the Hay scales as stood on her land, but should not think proper to fence the Towns' land—Agreed that if M^r^. Frothingham would put up a suitable fence he should make use of that part of the shed which stands on the Towns' land.—On M^rs^. Swans request for the removal of the Hay scales, the Chairman was desired to have the new scales built as soon as the season would allow.

[**110.**] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen January 29th 1812. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Foster, Webb & Weld.

Passed the Monthly Accounts.

Mr John Winslow Junr. & Mr David Webb having been recommended as Auctioneers—license is granted to each of them accordingly.

On complaint of errors made by the measurer of wood brought by land, it was agreed to employ M^r^. Carlton to measure a number of loads, measured by the different measurers & compare the contents of such loads with the tickets given of them.—

M^r^. Aaron Bean having presented a deed signed by Elizabeth Welsh for her proportion of the land sued for by Leveretts heirs under the Alms house, an order for the amount was entered on the draft to the Town Treasurer—being 127 dollars $\frac{43}{100}$ see minutes of Selectmen

Boston ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen February 5th. 1812. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell & Foster.

On the application of Messrs. George G. Channing & Henry Sturgis, in company, and of Mr. Henry W. Richards for licenses [**111.**] to sell at Auction,—they having produced satisfactory recommendations—it was agreed to grant licenses as requested.—

Agreed to lease the cellars under the Town-house for three years at six hundred dollars per annum, to B. Foster, Josiah Siders & Edward Flood, each of them to give security for the rent of that part which he shall occupy.—

On a complaint of errors in the tickets given by the measurers of wood coming over the neck Mr. Porter was desired to examine into their mode of measuring wood to inform them of the complaint and enjoin on them the strictest care and attention.

Boston ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen Feby 19. 1812. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Foster & Weld.

Twenty two—grand jurors and thirty traverse jurors were drawn for the Supreme Judicial Court.—

Application was made by several gentlemen as a committee from the Republican Convention of the County of Suffolk, for the use of Faneuil Hall on the evening of the first Thursday of March next.

The consideration thereof was referred to the next meeting.

[**112.**] An application was received from John Lowell Esq. respecting the execution of the contract entered into by him & the Justices of the Sessions & [the] Selectmen relative to removal of the school house & opening the passage way to the new Court House—The chairman was desired to call on Mr Lowell to inform him that attention should be paid to the subject of his communication as soon as the season should admit & when the town should determine whether to open the passage only, or to remove the school house entirely from that situation.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby 24 1812. Present Messrs Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Foster & Weld.

Passed upon Accounts.

On the application of a number of gentlemen styling themselves a committee from the Republican Convention of the County of Suffolk, requesting the use of Faneuil Hall on the first Thursday of March next.

Voted. That the Selectmen are not acquainted with the existence of any such public body; and as the Hall was built & enlarged for the use of the Town, they cannot consent that it should be occupied for any purposes, which in their opinion would not meet the approbation of the Town.—

[**113.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby 26. 1812. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Foster & Weld.

Passed the remainder of the Monthly Accounts.

Warrant was signed for Town meeting for the 9th. March next for choice of Town officers. M^{r}. Elliot to print notifications— and Rev. M^{r}. Thacher to be requested to open the meeting with prayer.

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 4. 1812. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Porter, Hunnewell, May and Foster.

Return was made by Messrs. Western & Bliss of the expense of repairing the common sewer in Kilby street; the account whereof being duly examined by the Selectmen was by them allowed; they being informed at the same time, that all persons concerned in said drain had been notified according to law, and no objection from the proprietors therein having been made; Assessment was now made; an order of payment was passed by the Selectmen as follows: viz.

Whereas a drain or common sewer has been laid in Kilby street, conformably to the directions of the Selectmen, the whole expense whereof amount to one hundred & [**114.**] eight dollars, which expense is to be borne by such persons whose drains enter therein and receive benefit thereby: wherefore we, the subscribers, Selectmen of said Town of Boston certify that having considered the same expense & by whom & in what manner it ought to be paid *Do adjudge* that the same be paid in the proportion following viz.

Thomas Winthrop Esq for heirs of James Bowdoin Esq, James Lloyd Esq, Heirs of John Codman Esq, Joseph Cooledge Esq, $27.00 each; total $108.

And we hereby empower Messrs. Weston & Bliss to demand & receive the same, and to give discharges therefor.

(Signed) CHARLES BULFINCH
(Signed) EBEN^{R} OLIVER
(Signed) W^{M} PORTER
(Signed) JON^{A} HUNNEWELL
(Signed) JOHN MAY
(Signed) JOSEPH FOSTER

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 11. 1812. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Foster, Webb, Weld & Lovering.

Whereas Robert Cunningham upon application to the Selectmen obtained liberty to lay a common sewer in Poplar [**115.**] street & it having been made to appear to the board that the said work has been properly executed & the expense of the same being ascertained to amount to one hundred & fifty seven dollars, fifty cents. It is hereby Ordered & adjudged by the Selectmen that the several persons who have laid their cross drains into said common sewer or main drain or receive benefit therefrom shall be assessed their proportion of the above expense as follows. vizt.

Robert Cunningham, Christr. Gore Esq, Mr —— Dorien, Mr —— Sigourney $26.25 each.

Saml Dana Esq 2 houses $52.50.

And We hereby empower Robert Cunningham to demand and receive the same and give discharges therefor.

Signed CHARLES BULFINCH
EBENR OLIVER
JOHN MAY
JOSEPH FOSTER
NATHAN WEBB
BENJN. WELD
JOSEPH LOVERING

[**116.**] The oath required by law was administered to the members present by the Town Clerk.

The Board proceeded to the choice of a Chairman, the ballots being taken, it appeared that Charles Bulfinch Esq. was chosen.

Wednesday next was assigned for coming to choice of Superintendent of Police & deputy.

The Chairman, Mr. Hunnewell & Mr. Weld a committee to consider the expediency of appointing a suitable person to assist the messenger of the board in his duties; & also to report their opinion of the compensation to be allowed him.

Ordered that the new lists of voters presented by the Assessors be immediately printed—& that Mr. John Eliot be employed for that purpose.

Mr. Lovering was desired to view a place in Front street, in the range of Castle street, said to be breaking away; & to report what is necessary to be done there on the opening of the season.

The Chairman & Mr Weld, a committee to attend to the suit with W. N. Boylston which is expected to be brought to trial at the present term of the Supreme Court.

The Chairman was desired to notify the heirs of Govr. Hancock, to take measures to ascertain the bounds between their land [**117.**] and that of the Town, on the north side of Beacon Hill.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 18th. 1812. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Foster, Webb, Weld & Lovering.

This time being assigned for choice of Police officers.—it was voted that the compensation to these officers should be the same as was allowed the past year—Votes being taken—Charles Bulfinch Esq. was declared to be chosen Superintendent, & M^{r}. Jerem^{h}. Bridge assistant Police officer.—

The Committee chosen to consider the subject of assistant messenger and door keeper, reported, that it was necessary to employ some careful and discreet person for that purpose, and that for his services of opening & closing the building, keeping the same clean, making fires in the Selectmen's and Assessors rooms, and assisting the Messenger in his duties, he be allowed one dollar per day throughout the year—Also that he have the care of the military hall and be entitled to receive from the companies exercising there, the premium for his attendance & lighting the hall which has been usual.

[**118.**] The above report having been considered was accepted and M^{r}. Champney was chosen door keeper accordingly.

The following persons were chosen sealers of weights and measures for one year ensuing.

M^{r}. Timothy Green, for Northern district—

M^{r}. Richard Austin for Southern district—agreeable to the division which has been observed by those officers for several years past.—

M^{r}. Caleb Loring Junr. & Lemuel Capen were chosen sealers & weighers of lighters and boats, bringing stone gravel & sand to this Town.

Warrant was signed for Town Meeting for choice of Governour, Lieu^{t}. Governour & Senators. M^{r}. Eliot to print the notifications—Dr Lathrop to be invited to open the meeting with prayer.

Notifications were also directed to be printed for choice of Assistant Assessors the first Wednesday of April.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 25th 1812. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, May, Foster, Webb, Weld & Lovering.

On the application of the Board of Firewards, that a number of new staffs should be procured—Messrs. Hunnewell Webb & Lovering [**119.**] were desired to have the same made.—

Approved the indentures of William Saul, a minor, to Capt. John Hodgskins, mariner, to continue in force until the 24th. December 1818.—

The Chairman, Mr. Hunnewell & Mr. Foster, a committee to review the regulations of carriages in the streets which have been passed at various times, & to prepare and report one general view of the same, to be printed for public information.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 30th. 1812. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Foster, Weld & Lovering.—

passed the Monthly Accounts.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 8th. 1812. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Hunnewell, Webb, Weld & Lovering.

Jurors were drawn for the Common pleas Court April term.—

Messrs. Bulfinch, Hunnewell & Foster were desired to view the ground about the vegetable market, to consider whether an additional number of stalls could be made, [**120.**] and if an arrangement to remove the carts & horses from the market place. The same committee was desired to consider the subject of the removal of the filth of the Town.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 15th 1812. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Foster, Webb, Weld & Lovering.—

The Chairman was desired to attend to the repair of the drain across the Mall and Common.

Agreed that Mr. Lovering should procure two boat loads of clay to repair the holes in Front street & 100 cart loads of gravel to level the street where necessary.—

Mr. Hunnewell, a committee to view Fort hill, to consider the best mode of securing the center of the hill & the trees, & to make an estimate of the expence.—

A committee from the Board of Health, waited on the Selectmen to inquire, if the Town could provide any place of deposit, for the filth of the Town, the ensuing season. It was agreed that the Chairman, Mr. Hunnewell & Mr. Foster should be a committee to confer with the committee of the Board [**121.**] of Health, on this subject—to endeavour to procure suitable places for depositing the filth, or to devise a mode of removing it.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 21d. 1812. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Foster, Webb, Weld & Lovering.

The Board in conformity to the institution of the Town, came to the choice of a gentleman to deliver an oration on the 4th July next, being the anniversary of the declaration of the Independence of the United States; & Benjamin Pollard Esqr. was unanimously chosen.—

The committee upon Market regulations reported in favour of removing the carts & horses wholly from the square between Faneuil Hall & the vegetable stalls, and that 20 new stalls should be made in that square, on the south side of the present stalls—The report was accepted & the committee impowered to proceed immediately to carry it into effect.—

Agreed to appropriate 225 dollars to regulate and form Allen Street & the southerly portion of Copper street; the same to be paid when the work shall be completed to the satisfaction of the board.—

[**122.**] Messrs. Oliver & Hunnewell a committee to have such repairs & dressings made to the Mall as they shall think proper.—

The Chairman was desired to have the center of Park street gravelled as soon as possible.

A petition from a large number of gentlemen, asking for attention to the correct regulation of time, particularly of the Old South clock, was referred to Messrs. Foster & Weld.—

A petition was received from the butchers occupying stalls in Union street, praying for reduction of rent, in consequence of the embarrassment occasioned by the embargo.—

Voted, that it is not expedient to comply with the request of the petitioners at present.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 29th. 1812. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Foster, Webb, Weld & Lovering.—

14 jurors were drawn for the Circuit Court.

Pursuant to a precept received from Hon. Thomas Dawes Esq. Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk—inquisition was made into the circumstances of Julia Domblide, single woman & return was made that she was non compos mentis & that it [**123.**] was advisable that a Guardian be appointed for her.

On application from County Treasurer, it was agreed that he should occupy the room in the Town house adjoining westerly to the Town Treasurers office.

The Chairman & Mr Weld a committee to order repairs to West Boston engine house in Hancock street. and to have such repairs made to the fences, as they should judge proper as a compensation for use of the land.

On an invitation received from the government of the Washington Benevolent Society it was agreed to attend the procession of that society tomorrow, at their celebration.—

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen May 6th. 1812 Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Foster, Webb, Weld & Lovering.

Whereas; Several portions of a drain or common sewer have been laid at sundry times under the direction of the Selectmen from Cambridge street, southerly up Garden street, and from thence branching partly into Southack street, into Myrtle street & Pinckney street. The undertakers whereof have presented the account of the expence, and have prayed [**124.**] that the Board would cause assessment to be made upon the several proprietors of said common sewer for the proportion which each of them should pay for the benefit derived therefrom.—And the said account having been exhibited, by which it appears that the sum of six hundred, thirty nine dollars, twenty seven cents has been expended in said work, which with thirty two dollars charge of collection amount to six hundred seventy one dollars twenty seven cents. The accounts of the same having been examined & considered by the Selectmen: it is now adjudged by them that the same expence shall be paid by the persons hereafter named & in the proportion & to the amount set against their names respectively.—viz—

Proprietors in Garden Street

William Welch, —— Wright, Doc^t^. —— Jennison, Morris Sullivan, Joshua Chase, —— Murdock, Benj^a^. Hall, Danl. Woodward, Joseph Batson, Joshua Randall, Benjamin Hurd, Thos —— Hague, 1 drain each at $17.67.

Walter Russell, 2 drains at $35.34.

[125.] Ditto on Southack Street.

—— Murphey, Peter Guss, —— Diamond, 1 drain each at $17.67.

Ditto on Myrtle Street—

George Cockayne, Calvin Page, Jonas Prouty, William Hayden, Amasa Winchester, Thomas Welsh Jur., Samuel Whitney, Ebenr. T. Andrews, Joel Shipley, Joshua Airy, —— Greenwood, 1 drain each at $17.67.

Ditto on Pinckney Street—

Isaac Scoffield, Peter Osgood, Estate Charles Paine, Jonathan Loring, Elias Mann, 1 drain each at $17.67.

John Pratt, 2 drains at $35.34.

Ebenr. T. Andrews, 3 drains at $52.—And

We do hereby authorize and empower Mr. William Welch to demand & receive the same & to give discharges therefor.—

(Signed) CHARLES BULFINCH
EBENR OLIVER
JONA. HUNNEWELL
JOHN MAY
JOSEPH FOSTER
NATHAN WEBB
BENJ WELD
JOSEPH LOVERING
} Selectmen.

[126.] Warrant was signed for Town Meeting for choice of Representatives on the 14th. instant.

Mr. Eliot to print notifications.—

Rev. Dr. Eliot to be requested to open the Meeting with prayer.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 13th. 1812. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Foster, Webb, Weld & Lovering.—

Warrant was prepared and signed for a Town Meeting for the 20th. instant, to transact the monied concerns, and other business.—

A communication was received from William Minot Esq. Secretary of the Mill Corporation, proposing that the Selectmen should agree to sign releases of the land south east of Merrimack street, upon that street being raised & formed to the acceptance of the Board.

Agreed to proceed to view the present situation of Merrimack street, and the land referred to.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 25th. 1812. Present Mess Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Foster, Webb, Weld & Lovering.

Passed the Quarterly Accounts.

[127.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 3d. 1812. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Foster, Webb & Lovering.

Whereas Edward Childs upon application to the Selectmen obtained liberty to lay a common sewer in Poplar street & it having been made to appear to the Board that the said work has been properly executed & the expence of the same being ascertained to amount to two hundred & twenty dollars forty five cents—It is hereby ordered and adjudged by the Selectmen that the several persons who have laid their cross drains into said common sewer or main drain or receive benefit therefrom shall be assessed their proportion of the above expence as follows viz

William Minot, Israel Munroe, M. White, Saml. Parkman, Edward Childs, Saml. White, Mr —— Foster, and Seth Wright, 1 drain, $16.96 each.

Saml. Brown, 2 drains, $33.92.

Christopher Gore, 3 drains, $50.88.

And We do hereby authorize Mr Edward Childs to demand & receive the same & to give discharges therefor.—

Signed CHARLES BULFINCH
E. OLIVER
JOS. FOSTER
N. WEBB
JOS. LOVERING.—

[128.] Return was made by Mr Edward Wright of the expence of repairing the drain in Belknaps Alley the account whereof being duly examined by the Selectmen was by them allowed; they being informed at the same time that all persons concerned in said drain had been notified according to law & that no objection had been made—Assessment was now made, an order of payment was passed by the Selectmen, as follows, viz.—Whereas, a drain or common sewer has been laid in Belknaps Alley conformably to the directions of the Selectmen the whole expence whereof amounts to one hundred and fifty nine dollars thirty-three cents, which expence is to be borne by such persons whose drains enter therein & receive benefit thereby: wherefore We, the Subscribers, Selectmen of the said Town of Boston certify that having considered the same expence & by whom & in what manner it ought to be paid Do Adjudge that the same be paid in the proportion following & by the persons hereafter named, viz.—

Joshua Blanchard - - - - - - - - - - - - 14.70
Edmund Wright - - - - - - - - - - - - - 72.32
—— Dudley - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 72.32—And We do hereby authorize Mr. Edmund Wright to demand & receive the same & to give discharges therefor.

(Signed) Chs. Bulfinch
Ebenr. Oliver
Jos. Foster
N. Webb
J. Lovering
} Selectmen.

[**129.**] Return was made by Nathl Smith Esq. of the expence of repairing the common sewer in Belknap street, the account whereof being duly examined by the Selectmen was by them allowed; they being informed at the same time that all persons concerned in said drain had been notified according to law & that no objection had been made—Assessment was now made, an order of payment was passed by the Selectmen as follows viz. Whereas, a drain or common sewer has been laid in Belknap street conformably to the directions of the Selectmen, the whole expence whereof amounts to Eight hundred and thirty two dollars, fifty one cents which expence is to be borne by such persons whose drains enter therein & receive benefit thereby: Wherefore, we, the Subscribers, Selectmen of the said Town of Boston certify that having considered the same expence & by whom & in what manner it ought to be paid *Do Adjudge* that the same be paid in the proportion following and by the persons hereafter named viz.—

Thomas Perkins, Saml. G. Perkins, John E. Tyler [**130.**] John Q. Adams, William Munroe, Edmund Munroe, Mr. —— Rich, Ebenr. Larkin, William Homer, Matthew Lodge, Mr —— Saunderson, A. Boynton, Parson Bowker, Charles Walley, Ebenr Farley, John McGuire, John Brazer, C & G Barrett, Horatio Weld, John Mackay, Winslow Lewis, Daniel E. Powers, N Smith Junr, Nehh. Parsons, Estate of Peter Roe Dalton, Benjn Russell, Jackson & Lincoln, Shaw & Souther, Jonathan Amory, Alanson Tucker, Howard Bowker, 1 each at $16.33

Jonathan Mason, John Osborn, John Baxter, Joseph Baxter, Danl. D. Rogers, Jacob Whiting, 2 each at $32.66

Mungo Mackays Estate, 3 at $48.99.

—— Higginsons, 5 at 81.65.

And We do hereby authorize & empower Nathl. Smith Esq. Mr. John Baxter & Mr. Ebenr. Farley, to demand & receive the same & to give discharges therefor.—

(Signed) C. B. E. O. J. H. J. May & B. Weld.

[**131.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 8th. 1812. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Foster, Webb, Weld & Lovering.

The present meeting was called on occasion of the death of Francis Wright Esq.—when the following resolution was passed and ordered to be printed in the papers.—

Voted. As a testimony of respect for the memory of Francis Wright Esq. deceased, our late associate at the Board of Selectmen, we will attend the interment of his remains on Wednesday next. And request the members of the Board of Overseers, of the School Committee, of the Board of Health, the Fire wards & other Town Officers also to attend.—

On the Petition of a Number of inhabitants, warrant was signed for a Town Meeting on the 11th. instant.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 11th. 1812. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Webb, Weld & Lovering.

The Chairman and Mr. Oliver were empowered to have the street next the ropewalks at the bottom of the Common, raised so as to form a foot walk [**132.**] six feet wide, with a row of timber on each side & filled between with gravel, as a further security against high tides.

Mr. Hunnewell & Mr. Weld, a committee to confer with the residents on Fort hill—respecting the improving and securing the center part of the hill, and the necessary regulation of the streets —to ascertain the probable expence, & what part thereof the abutters will subscribe.—

On the application from the Hon. Judge of Probate—inquisition was made into the circumstances of Benjamin Bailey—and return was made that the said Bailey was non compos mentis, and that it was advisable that a guardian should be appointed for him.

Five Jurors were drawn for district Court.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 26th. 1812. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Hunnewell, May, Webb, Weld & Lovering.

28 Jurors were drawn for Court of Com. Pleas.

Return was made by Weston & Bliss of the expence of repairing the common sewer in South street, the account [**133.**] whereof being duly examined by the Selectmen was by them allowed; they being informed at the same time that all persons concerned in said drain had been notified according to law & that no objection had been made—Assessment was now made, an

order of payment was passed by the Selectmen as follows—viz. Whereas, a drain or common sewer has been laid in South street conformably to the directions of the Selectmen, the whole expence whereof amounts to thirty one dollars, seventy one cents, which expence is to be borne by such persons whose drains enter therein and receive benefit thereby: wherefore, we the subscribers, Selectmen of the said Town of Boston certify that having considered the same expence and by whom & in what manner it ought to be paid *Do Adjudge* that the same be paid in the proportion following & by the persons hereafter named—viz.

Samuel Jenney, John Davis Esq., Samuel Abbot, M^r —— Cotton, —— Stocker, Simeon Done, Levi Done, Fitz Jufts, John Peirce, John Andrews, Edward Blake Junr, Mar^n Emanuel, Henry Prentiss, Edward Gray, Henry Hill, Wm Sweetser (Distill house), Thomas Thompson, Andrew Mertare, John Winslow, Saml. Bradford, 1 each at $1.22.

William Ellerson, [**134.**] M^rs. Heckling, Jon^a Hunnewell, 2 each at $2.44

And We do hereby authorize and empower Messrs. Weston & Bliss to demand & receive the same & to give discharges therefor.—

(Signed) CHARLES BULFINCH, JON^A. HUNNEWELL, JOHN MAY, NATHAN WEBB, BENJ^A WELD, JOSEPH LOVERING } Selectmen of Boston.

[**135.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 29^h. 1812. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Hunnewell, May, Webb, Weld & Lovering.—

Passed upon Accounts.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 1st. 1812. Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Foster, Webb, Weld & Lovering.—

Return was made by Benjamin Lanphear of the expense of repairing the common sewer from Brattle square, the account whereof being duly examined by the Selectmen was by them allowed; they being informed at the same time that all persons concerned in said drain had been notified according to law & that no objection had been made—

Assessment was now made, an order of payment was passed by the Selectmen as follows—viz. Whereas, a drain or common sewer has been laid from Brattle square conformably to the directions of the Selectmen, the whole expence whereof amounts to ten dollars and fifty cents, which expence is to be borne by such persons whose drains enter therein & receive [**136.**]

benefit thereby—Wherefore, we the subscribers, Selectmen of said Town of Boston certify that having considered the same expence & by whom & in what manner it ought to be paid *Do Adjudge* that the same be paid in the proportion following & by the persons hereafter named viz.

Benjamin Lanphear, Daniel Greenleaf, James Lovell, Charles Cushing, each $1.17. John Brazer, $2.34. Edward Tuckerman Junr. $3.51

And We hereby empower Enoch Hurlbutt to demand & receive the same, and to give discharges therefor.

Signed
CHARLES BULFINCH
EBENR OLIVER
JONA HUNNEWELL
JOHN MAY
NATHAN WEBB
BENJ WELD
JOSEPH LOVERING
} Selectmen

[137.] Boston ss.—July 1st. 1812.

Return was made by Doct. Ephraim Eliot of the expence of repairing the drain in Middle street, the account whereof being duly examined by the Selectmen was by them allowed; they being informed at the same time that all persons concerned in said drain had been notified according to law & that no objection had been made—Assessment was now made, an order of payment was passed by the Selectmen, as follows, viz.—Whereas a drain or common sewer has been laid in Middle street conformably to the directions of the Selectmen, the whole expence whereof amounts to twenty four dollars, which expence is to be borne by such persons whose drains enter therein & receive benefit thereby:—Wherefore, we the subscribers Selectmen of said Town of Boston certify that having considered the same expence & by whom & in what manner it ought to be paid *Do Adjudge* that the same be paid in the proportion following and by the persons hereafter named. viz.—

Edward Hall, Stephen Gibson, Andrew Townsend, each $^1/_3$d. of a share at 1.33^1/_3$.

[138.] Elizabeth Hudson, Ephraim Eliot, Mary Swift, Thomas Howe, each 1 Share at $4.

Mrs. Conant, Joseph Williston, each $^1/_2$ Share at $2.

And We do hereby authorize & empower Mr. Turell Tuttle to receive the same & to give discharges therefor.

(Signed)
CHARLES BULFINCH
EBENR. OLIVER
JONA. HUNNEWELL
JOHN MAY
BENJ WELD
NATHAN WEBB
JOSEPH LOVERING
} Selectmen of Boston

[**139.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 8th. 1812. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Foster, Webb, Weld & Lovering.

The following persons were approved as Auctioneers for the year ensuing from the first instant.—viz.—

Samuel Blagge, Frederick Beck, George Burroughs Junr, George Bond, Joseph Bumstead, Stephen Brown, Horatio Bass, Christopher Barker, Samuel Bridge, James Bourguin, Cornelius Coolidge, Abraham Carter, Saml. F. Coolidge, Thomas Clark, George G. Channing, William Dehon, Richard Edwards, William Gridley, Nathl. Gamage, Richard H. Hough, Caleb Hayward, John C. Hastings, Fitz Edward Hutchings, Thos. K. Jones, Isaac P. Ingersol, John Jutau, George Noble, Daniel Oliver, Elisha & L. Parks, Samuel Prince, John Perkins, John A. Parkman, Jacob Rogers, Joseph Ripley, Henry W. Richards, Jesse Sanger, John Sprague, Henry Sturgis, David Taylor, Nathl. Tucker, Samuel Tufts, George Wheeler, Samuel Whitwell, Daniel Wild, Henry White, John Winslow Jun, Jonathan Webb.

[**140.**] This time being assigned by public advertisement for the choice of constables—the applications were read.—

Voted. To appoint twenty four constables for the present year—being two for each ward.—

The following persons were then chosen & the sureties approved.—viz.

	Sureties
Thomas Stevenson - - - -	Thos. Stevenson J. & Wm. Stevenson
Henry Lane - - - - - - - -	Caleb Whiting & Israel Munroe
Elisha Copeland - - - - - -	John Perry & John Gibson
Moses Thayer - - - - - - -	John Minchin and Jas. Liswell
James Sumner Jr. - - - - -	Thos. W. Sumner & Jas. Ridgway
Solo. Twist - - - - - - - -	Wm. Simonds & Amos Penniman
William Tupper - - - - - -	John Gibson & John Howe
Benj. B. Leeds - - - - - -	Jerh. Gore J. & Saml. H. Babcock
Wm. Brooks - - - - - - - -	Moses Wallach & Leml. Babcock
James Perkins - - - - - - -	Timo. Green & Jas. Williams
Wm. Dinsmore - - - - - -	Wm. Cochran & David S. Eaton
Jona. Prescott - - - - - - -	O. C. Wyman & Jno. Barnard
Robt. Rixford - - - - - - -	Ebenr. Frothingham—Tho Redman
Thos. Holden - - - - - - -	Silas Harvey—Isaac Coolidge Jr
Wendell R. Barker - - - -	Brad Billings—Peter Dickerman
Benja. C. Stevenson - - -	S. Bell and Tho Stevenson J
David Rixford - - - - - -	Wm. P. Whiting Esq. & Ezl. Brown
Geo. Jackson - - - - - - -	Robt. New & Caleb Whiting
Geo. Reed - - - - - - - -	Peter Bicknell—Mort. Burr

[**141.**] On a representation from M^r^. Bond, that the clock at Doc^t^. Lathrops church was much broken, and could not be made serviceable—it was agreed that the clock formerly belonging to the First Church should be repaired & put up in D^r^. Lathrops or Second Church.

Agreed that the rent of the room in the Town house hired by M^r^. Henry Messinger, and now occupied by Samuel D. Parker Esq. should be placed at two hundred dollars per annum.

Voted. That M^r^. Adam Rupp be employed to prevent persons with horses or otherwise, at the west end of Allen street, going into the water on Sundays, after the hour of 7 in the morning.

The Chairman was desired to confer with Gen. Welles and consult him upon the proper measures to prevent the practice of drumming in the streets after sunset.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 15th. 1812. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Webb, Weld & Lovering.

five jurors were drawn for Com. Pleas Court.—

M^r^. Lovering was desired to procure a supply of powder for the Town's use agreeable to the requisition of the Militia law. and [**142.**] the Treasurer be desired to give his note for the same, payable in ninety days.—

Return was signed for the renewed list of innholders & retailers.

The Board was occupied in examining into a complaint brought by Stephen Woods against Jonathan Prescott, a constable during the past year, and now a candidate for that office.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 22^d^. 1812. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Webb, Weld and Lovering.

A complaint having been presented by M^r^. Moses Walbach against Robert Rixford, constable, for misconduct in making a false return on an execution against him. The parties were summoned to attend & were examined when it appeared to the Board that the complaint was without foundation.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk publish in the Boston Gazette & New-England Palladium, the law of this Commonwealth, which empowers the Selectmen to regulate every description of carriages in the streets of this Town; & the Rules and Orders [**143.**] adopted by them in pursuance of such powers.

It is hereby ordered, that from and after Monday, the third day of August next, the following Rules & Orders shall be in force, for the due regulation of carriages in the streets of the Town of Boston, vizt.

Of Hay.

All Waggons, Carts & Sleds with Hay for sale, shall stand in Charles street, in one line on the northerly side of said street; beginning at the easterly end thereof, by the new hay scales, & to extend as far westerly as shall be found necessary to accommodate the numbers.

Of Wood from the Country.

The Waggons, Carts & Sleds with wood for sale, shall stand in Common street, from the Burying Ground gate southerly, as far as shall be found necessary to accommodate the numbers: & shall stand in one line along the westerly side of the street leaving the entrance to Park street & the foot passages into the mall, clear and unincumbered.

As many Waggons, Carts & Sleds with wood shall be allowed to stand in Bowdoin Square, & the North Square, as shall, upon experience, be found convenient for the free passage of carriages through those Squares.

And one row of such Waggons, Carts & Sleds shall be allowed to stand on the easterly side of Pond street, leading from Hanover street to Charles-River-Bridge.

Of Hackney Carriages.

Six Hackney Carriages shall be allowed to stand in the North Square, and all other Hackney Carriages shall stand in those streets where their stables are situated, and immediately in front of their [**144.**] stables, as near to the side walk as possible—provided, that not more than two such Hackney Carriages shall be allowed on any such stand at one time; & that no Carriage shall be washed or cleaned in the streets.

Every hackney carriage shall be numbered on each door thereof, in a conspicuous place, on the outside, with the figures not less than two inches in length; and such figures shall be painted on the doors or fixed on them in metal plates, & shall not be moveable.

The price and rate of fare to be demanded & received for the conveyance of any person or persons within the limits of the Town, shall be for a single person, twenty five cents; & when more than one person shall be conveyed at one and the same time, twenty cents shall be paid by each & every one of them.

Market Regulations.

All Carts, or other carriages, with provisions of any kind for sale, which shall stand in Dock square, Market Square, Union

& Ann streets, shall be under the direction of the Clerk of the Market; all horses shall be taken from such carriages & carried to one of the neighbouring stables, or otherwise removed from the streets by the owners or drivers.

No cart nor other carriages shall be suffered to stand in Court street, Exchange street, or the passage way between Dock Square & Union—street.

No person shall be allowed to stand with vegetables or fruit for sale in Dock Square, until all the stalls in Market Square shall be occupied; and no carts, for sale of articles, shall stand in Cornhill, until Dock Square shall be filled, at the discretion of the Clerk of the Market: & those Carriages which for want of room in Dock Square, shall be obliged to stand in Cornhill, shall be ranged on one side of the street only.

No waggons, carts nor sleds, with hogsheads, barrels, boats, hoop poles, oars, timber, boards, ladders, spouts nor gutters, [**145.**] wooden nor tin ware, chairs nor baskets, shall be suffered to stand in Market nor Dock squares, in State street, nor any street contiguous thereto; but shall have a convenient stand on land belonging to the Town, about the middle of Pond street, between the Baptist Meeting-houses.

No carts nor other carriages with provisions for sale, and no chaises not other riding carriages shall stand in State street.

All waggons, carts & Sleds with cider, shall stand in Water street in one line on the north side thereof, & in Adams street on the east side thereof & as many in Liberty square as shall be found convenient for the free passage of Carriages through said square.

Of Trucks, Sleds & Carts.

All trucks owned by any inhabitant of the Town of Boston, shall be registered in a book to be kept by the Town Clerk for that purpose; & shall be numbered from number one in succession; & said numbers shall be distinctly painted on both shafts of said trucks, in black letters & figures at least three inches in length on a white ground.

After such Trucks shall be so registered & numbered, if any owner thereof shall sell, exchange or otherwise dispose of his property therein, the same shall be registered anew in the name of the person purchasing or otherwise owning the same; & the number shall be renewed as often as they shall become defaced or indistinct.

Twenty trucks, with two horses harnessed to each, shall be allowed to stand in State street: to extend to Merchants row to Long Wharf on the North side; & from Kilby—street to Broad street on the south side, in the following order:

The trucks numbered from one to twenty, to have the privilege of that stand for one week; those [**146.**] numbered from twenty one to forty, to stand there the second week; & those numbered from forty one to sixty, to stand there the third week in succession—after which they shall begin again the rotation.—

Such trucks as have usually stood in the street at the east end of Faneuil Hall, shall be permitted to continue there for the present, under the directions of the officers of police.

All other trucks, not accommodated as above, shall stand in Broad street, from Central street southerly; to be arranged in one line near the foot walk, on the east side for one week; & in the same manner on the west side on the second week; & shall change their stands on the east & west sides of the street weekly. All sleds drawn by two horses, owned by any inhabitant of this Town, shall be registered & numbered; & shall take their stands, in the season when they shall be in use, under the same regulations as are above pointed out for trucks.

No truck nor sled with one horse, shall be permitted to stand in State street.

All carts with horses, shall stand in Central street, in one line, on the north, for one week, & in the same manner on the south side, on the second week; & shall change their stands weekly.

The Hand Carts shall stand on the easterly side of Liberty square & Battery March street, & all carts of every description, shall be marked with the owners name, legibly printed thereon with paint.

Of Boylston Market.

No cart, wagon, nor sled, with beef or mutton for sale, shall be allowed to stand in Orange, Newbury, Boylston, nor Essex streets.

No carriages containing provisions of any kind, nor any empty carriage shall be allowed to stand in Boylston street.

[**147.**] Carriages containing provisions, except beef or mutton, shall be allowed to stand in Orange street, in front of the Market house, in one line on the west side of the street, leaving two spaces for entrances to the Market house, to be designated & limited by the Clerk of the Market.

Of West Boston Market.

No person shall be allowed to stand in Cambridge street or either of the streets branching therefrom with their waggons, carts, sleds or horses, having meat, vegetables, or other articles of provisions for sale; nor shall any person be allowed to place any stall, bench or block in said streets to exhibit any such provisions for sale &

It is hereby ordered in pursuance of the authority above named, that if any person shall offend against either of the above rules & orders, he shall forfeit & pay the sum of Five Dollars, upon conviction of every such breach of said rules and orders.

By order of the Selectmen.

Sign'd, CHARLES BULFINCH, Chairman.

Attest, Tho. Clark, Town Clerk.—

Boston ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen July 27. 1812. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Webb, Weld and Lovering.

The Board passed the monthly accounts.

[**148.**] Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen July 29. 1812. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Webb, Weld & Lovering.

Completed the Accounts.

On the representation from M^{r}. Matignon, that great inconvenience is experienced from the passing of trucks through the narrow passage west of the Catholic Church, and also of the hazard frequently attending it—Agreed that he have liberty to put up a post in that passage way.

The Clerk of the Market is directed to lease the vacant beef stalls in Ann street, on Saturday the 8th. August—& to advertize them previously in the papers.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 4th 1812. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Webb, Weld & Lovering.

This meeting was called on the application for a Town Meeting, and warrant was signed accordingly for Thursday the 6th. Instant.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Select-Men August 5. 1812. Present Messrs Bulfinch, Oliver, Webb, Weld & Lovering.

Whereas Messrs. John Amory & Elisha Ticknor [**149.**] upon application to the Selectmen, obtained liberty to lay a common sewer in Hawley street, & it having been made to appear to the Board that the said work has been properly executed & the expense of the same being ascertained to amount to two hundred & sixty six dollars sixty seven cents.

It is hereby ordered & adjudged by the Selectmen that the several persons who have laid their cross drains into said common sewer or main drain or receive benefit there-from shall be assessed their proportion of the above expense as follows. vizt.

John Amory . - - -	2	Shares - -	$76.20
Elisha Ticknor - - -	1	d° - -	38.10
Relief Vincent - - -	1	d° - -	38.10
Gottlieb Graupner - -	1	d° - -	38.10
Jon^{a}. Amory - - - -	1	d° - -	38.10
Oliver Everett - - -	1	d° - -	38.10

And we hereby authorize & empower Messrs. Rupp & Hynes to demand & receive the same & give discharges therefor.

Sign'd CHARLES BULFINCH, EBEN^{R} OLIVER, NATHAN WEBB, BENJ WELD, JOSEPH LOVERING } Selectmen

[**150.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 12th. 1812. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Webb, Weld & Lovering.

The following persons were chosen Constables to complete the number for the present year.—viz

Benj^{a}. Horton Junr	Sureties	Benj^{a}. Horton & Wm Lovering
Walter Crosby	"	Israel Munroe & Jno. French
Joseph W. Brown	"	Gideon Snow & Benj^{a}. Rich
Andrew Sanborn	"	Horace Dupee & Ja^{s}. Burchsted
Joseph Tucker	"	Samuel Harris & Jos. Newhall

The following was received from the committee lately chosen at the Town Meeting for taking measures to secure the good order & safety of the Town—& the following votes were passed & ordered to be printed.

Boston Aug. 11, 1812.

To the Selectmen of the Town of Boston.

Gentlemen,

The committee appointed by the Resolve of the inhabitants of the town convened on the 6th instant, are fully aware that the town has always been distinguished for the peaceable and orderly conduct of all classes of its citizens. And although there is no reason to suppose that the peace of the town will be disturbed, yet as evils may arise when wholly [**151.**] unexpected, the committee conceive that it would be universally acceptable to have due precautions taken against them.

In behalf of the inhabitants, therefore, we beg leave to recommend to the Selectmen that one hundred discreet, able-bodied citizens should be immediately engaged to perform the duty of Watchmen and of special Constables of the town: That these citizens should be provided with the customary equipment of Watchmen, and required to patrole the town at such hours and in such numbers and under such regulations as the Selectmen may think fit: That in case of any riot or tumult it shall be the duty of the Watchmen to cause the bells to be tolled.

The committee further recommend that in case of any alarm in the night time, all citizens, who are well disposed toward the preservation of the peace, and order of the town, should immediately place lights in all their windows which front towards the street, and keep their lights so placed untill tranquillity is restored.

That provision be immediately made, to the end, that all military companies instantly assemble, in case of alarm, at their respective places of rendezvous, ready to do duty, & there to await the orders of those civil & military officers, who have a lawful right to command their services in support of the laws, and of the public peace and order.

That when any alarm is given, all magistrates, peace officers, and constables, and watchmen [**152.**] be requested immediately to proceed to the place of riot, and there pursue the steps of the law to suppress the same, and to seize upon and secure for trial, and condign punishment, the leaders and abettors thereof:—And in such cases, that all children or boys, and apprentices, servants and other persons, not holden, or associated, to do military duty, and who do not mean to be considered as part of a riotous assembly, and dealt with accordingly, be required instantly to retire to, and remain at, their respective places of abode; and that parents, masters, and heads of families be enjoined to cause a due observance of this recommendation by all who are subject to their orders.

By order of the Committee

JOHN C. JONES.

attest,

Wm Sullivan, Secy of the Committee.

The above communication from the committee, chosen at the Town Meeting of the 6th. instant, having been read, it was Voted. That this Board will use all the powers vested in them by law to carry the proposed regulations into effect; and will exert all their influence in the support of measures so obviously calculated to secure that peaceable and orderly conduct for which the town has been long distinguished.—

All classes of citizens are accordingly requested to conform to the recommendation for placing lights in their windows should any occasion of alarm or riot occur in the night time; and to be particularly careful to restrain all [**153.**] minors, children, or others under their control, from joining any tumultuous assembly in the streets.—

The military officers are desired to attend to that part of the regulations respecting the prompt appearance of the companies under their command, to aid the civil authority, in support of the laws, and of the public peace and order.—

And notice is hereby given.—

That the Selectmen wish to engage the services of a number of ablebodied, discreet citizens, as a patrole-watch. They invite such persons to apply to the committee of the board, any day, at noon, in the next week at Faneuil Hall;—good recommendations will be required, and such persons as are householders will be preferred.—

By Order of the Selectmen

Signed, CHARLES BULFINCH, Chairman.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 19. 1812. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Hunnewell, Webb Weld & Lovering.

The proprietors of stores on Central street and the short street next parallel to it having agreed to pay one half the expense of paving those streets, it was voted to complete them immediately.

The recommendations for the persons who apply for employment in the new watch were read—and a number of selections made [**154.**] the business postponed to a special meeting on Monday next.—

The Chairman was impower'd to employ workmen to pave the northerly end of Chambers street, as far as to cross Green street.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 24. 1812. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Webb, Foster, Weld & Lovering.

Further examination was made into the recommendations of the persons applying to be admitted into the new watch.

The general arrangement of the watch was considered and persons nominated for Captain and constables the Chairman was desired to inform them, to know whether they would accept the trust.

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 31. 1812. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Hunnewell, Weld & Lovering.

Captn. Purkitt, Mr. Austin & Mr. Grant, waited on the board, as a committee from the Washington Benevolent Society, to request the use of a room for the purpose of depositing the standards of the Society.

Voted. That the Selectmen will appropriate the room No. 4. on the North side of the [**155.**] Military hall, for the use of the Washington Benevolent Society, agreeably to their request.—

Passed the Monthly Accounts.—

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septemr. 2. 1812. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Webb, Weld, and Lovering.

The following have been proposed and examined at former meetings, is adopted for the regulation of the new watch.

The watch to consist of 100 men.—

That there be one Captain and commander of the whole; that the watch be divided into three divisions, one division for the

north, one for the south and one for the center of the Town, the center to be the main watch.

That these divisions be subdivided each into two sections and one section of each watch to be on duty every other night under the direction of a constable for each section.

The Watch of the night will be as follows.

One Captain - - - - - - - - - - - -	1
Three Constables of Sections - - - - - - -	3
Men at Centre Watch - - - - - - - - -	18
Men at South Watch - - - - - - - - -	14
Men at North Watch - - - - - - - - -	14
	50—

The Captain shall call every day for his orders on the Chairman of the Selectmen at 12 o'clock—It shall be his duty to be present every night at the main watch house at [**156.**] 10 o'clock in winter and at 11 in summer, to call the roll & set the watch and give the constables their orders for the night.—

The constables to make their report to the captain every morning of the events of the night, and the captain to lay the same before the Chairman of the Selectmen at 12 o'clock when he goes to receive his orders for the following night. The watchmen shall patrole in such parties and in the way that the constables shall direct, after receiving their orders from the captain. At no time shall they suffer more than half their number to be in the house together after the watch is set except called in upon special business. It shall be the duty of one section of the north watch to visit the main watch house at least once every night, & the south watch shall do the same; & it shall be the duty of the main watch to visit the north and south watch in the same manner which time, as well as all others the greatest civility & decorum shall be observed. The watch-men are not to talk loud or make any noise when going their rounds. They are not to suffer any men or body of men to enter their watch house except they first show a certificate from the Chairman of the Selectmen & then it shall be their duty to let them in and give them such information as may be in their power respecting the occurrences of the night.

The north watch to visit all that section of the Town north of the mill creek paying particular attention to the back streets & bye places.

[**157.**] The South Watch to visit all that section south of Summer & Winter streets paying attention to back streets & bye places—The Centre & main watch to visit from Summer and Winter streets to the Mill Bridge including West Boston, paying attention as before express'd—In case of any disturbance or riot in either section, and it should be thought necessary for the aid of more men than belongs to that section where it may happen, the constable of such section shall send one of his men to the

main watch whose duty it shall be to give all the assistance in their power by bringing foward the whole watch—And in case of such necessity the Captain of the whole to be immediately called —and until he arrives the highest constable present to take the command, and should it be thought necessary for more aid than the watch of the night it shall be the duty of those watchmen who are not on duty that night to repair immediately to the main watch house and take their orders from the highest officer present and when thus engaged they shall receive pay as tho' it was their night of duty—No watchman to leave his duty until day light. The constables of the several sections to be numbered from one to six and consider N°. 1. the highest number & when the Captain is not present the highest in office to command.

The Selectmen will be the judges of the conduct of all the watchmen and remove them as they think the good of the Town may require; when the watchmen leave the watch house for their homes the constable shall see their implements [**158.**] filed away in the watch house. The Captain to be on duty every night and receive one dollar for every night's service.

The several constables to be on duty every other night and receive seventy five cents per night when on duty.

The watchmen to do duty every other night and receive fifty cents per night when on duty.

The Board then made choice of the following Officers of the Watch

Nathaniel Brewer, Captain

Sam[l] Green	N° 1	Constables of Centre division
Andrew Sanborn	" 2	
John Spear	" 3	d° of South division
Sam[l] Champney	" 4	
Phillip Burrill	" 5	d° of North division
Ansell Fobes	" 6	

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septem[r] 9, 1812. Present Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Webb, Weld & Lovering.

Jurors were drawn to serve at the Com: Pleas: in October term.

The committee of the Neck were desired to proceed to complete the repairs of the east side of Washington street & such pieces of the westerly side as were the most out of order.

[**159.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen September 16th. 1812. Present Mess[rs]. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Foster, Webb, Weld & Lovering.

Jurors were drawn to supply vacancies in Common Pleas list.—

Agreed to repair High street leading up Fort Hill with gravel —not to exceed two hundred loads.—

Also to pave the upper part of Oliver street to the line of R. Williams' side walk.

The application of the Commercial Insurance office for reduction of rent, referred to Messrs. Hunnewell & Weld—to inquire the present rents of such rooms & to act as they shall think expedient.

The Chairman, Mr. Hunnewell, Weld & Webb a committee to view Union street where it joins upon the Mill Pond, to consider what measures can be taken to widen that part of the street.

The Chairman was desired to give Major Burbeck an order on the keeper of the Magazine for powder sufficient for fifteen thousand cartridges, and to employ him to make them immediately.

[**160.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen September 23d. 1812. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Webb, Weld & Lovering.

Mr. Benjamin Tucker having renewed his application for an Auction licence, in which he engages to conform to such restrictions as the Board think proper.—

It was agreed to renew his licence, to transact business at his office in State street.

On the application of Mr. Enoch Patterson, it was agreed to license a new brick building which he is now erecting for a livery stable—the same being situated in a court leading north from Elm street.

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen September 30th. 1812. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Webb, Weld & Lovering.

Passed the Monthly Accounts.

Issued warrant for Town Meeting to supply vacancies and other business.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 12th. 1812. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Weld, Lovering, Austin & Williams.

Messrs. Austin & Williams having [**161.**] been chosen members of the board of Selectmen at the town meeting on the 7th. instant, the oath required by law was administered to them by the Chairman.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 15th. 1812. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Webb, Weld, Austin & Williams.

6 grand jurors & 8 petit jurors were drawn to serve at the Circuit Court.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 21st. 1812. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Webb, Weld, Lovering & Williams.—

A communication was received from the clerk of the Mill Pond Corporation, informing that they had chosen Messrs. Otis, Paine & S. Spear to settle with the town the partition of all the land intended for the next dividend.—whereupon the Board made choice of the Chairman, Mess Hunnewell & Weld to confer & agree with the above committee on this subject.

Mr. Frink Stratton was approved as an Auctioneer upon the conditions lately adopted respecting the Market Square.—

Signed a Certificate, approving of Mr. Snelling Powell & his associates—to act and carry on stage plays interludes & other theatrical entertainments, at the theatre in Federal street.

[**162.**] Return was made by Gardner Green Esq. of the expence of repairing the common sewer in Orange street the account whereof being duly examined by the Selectmen was by them allowed; they being informed at the same time that all persons concerned in said drain had been notified according to law & that no objection had been made—Assessment was now made, an order of payment was passed by the Selectmen as follows viz. Whereas a drain or common sewer has been laid in Orange street conformably to the directions of the Selectmen, the whole expence whereof amounts to four hundred & forty eight dollars eight cents, which expence is to be borne by such persons whose drains enter therein & receive benefit, thereby—Wherefore We the subscribers Selectmen of the said Town of Boston certify, that having considered the same expence, and by whom & in what manner it ought to be paid *Do Adjudge* that the same be paid in the proportion following and by the persons hereafter named. viz.—

Samuel Hastings, Joel Crosby, Geo. Longley & others, Robert Hewes, Widow Everett (Dorchester), John Jarvis, each 2 shares.

Andrew Brimmer, [**163.**] Jeremiah Bumstead, John Amory, each 4 shares.

Wm. Wyman & Fowle, Josiah Fowle's Estate, Daniel Messinger, Widow Avery, Samuel Appleton, Col. Aaron Ames, David E. Mosely, Mrs. Lowder, Mrs. Callahan, John Haskins, Joseph Rowe & others, John Lucas's Estate, Nathl. Hurd, John Ross, Josiah Vose, Edward Gray, Thomas Hill, David Greenough, James Freeman, Ebenr. Parker, Silas P. Tarbell, Capt. Gorham,

John Welles, M^rs^. Lowell, W^m^. Shimmin, Capt. Higgins, George Bethune, Widow Smith or Isaac P. Davis, Doc^t^ Erving, [**164.**] Joel Hager, William Wetmore, M^r^. Lowell, Matthew M. Hunt, M^rs^. Langdon, John Roulstone, Jonathan Loring, each 1 share.

M^rs^. Durivage, Stephen Thayer, Proprietors of Boylston Market, Thomas Williams, Benjamin Greene, M^rs^. Harrison, Doc^t^. Hayward, each 3 shares.

And we do hereby authorize and empower M^r^. Charles Row to demand & receive the same & to give discharges therefor.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 26th. 1812. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Webb, Weld, Foster & Williams.

Passed on Accounts.

Warrant was signed for a Town Meeting for choice of Member of Congress for the Suffolk District.—

Rev. D^r^. Baldwin to be requested to open the meeting with prayer—

M^r^. Eliot to print the notifications.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 28th. 1812. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Foster, Webb & Williams

Closed the Monthly Accounts & Voted. That the Treasurer be desired in making payments to the watchmen, to deduct the taxes that may be due from any [**165.**] one of them in a proportion not to exceed the one half of their monthly pay.—

M^r^. Bradlee having presented his account for oil, adjusted to the present time; it appeared that the sum of $13346..73—was now due to him of which amount the sum of one hundred & eighty dollars was drawn for in 1810, & five thousand & sixty five dollars, sixty cents in November last.—an order was now passed on the Treasurer for the balance & Voted, that the Treasurer be requested to give to M^r^. Josiah Bradlee his note for the whole sum due; that the same may be discounted at the bank.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen, November 2^d^. 1812.

Present the whole Board.

Warrant was signed for a Town Meeting for choice of Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, for the District of Suffolk, Essex & Middlesex.

Rev. M^r. Gardiner to be requested to open the meeting with prayer.—

M^r. Eliot to print notifications.

[**166.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 4. 1812. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Foster, Webb, Weld, Lovering & Williams.

Grand jurors and traverse jurors were drawn for the Supreme J. Court.

A complaint was presented from a number of inhabitants of the north part of the Town against riotous assemblies of apprentice boys and others, who distress and insult passengers & injure fences and other property.

The chairman was desired to employ one or more constables to prevent the evil complained of more particularly on the Sunday evenings.

Information being given that a building was now erecting on the west side of the Neck, intended for a soap and candle manufactory: The Chairman was desired to notify the proprietors that the law requires that all such buildings should be licensed by the Selectmen: & of the penalty for neglect of such application.

[**167.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen November 19th. 1812. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Foster, Webb, Weld, Austin & Williams.

Jurors were drawn for the district Court.

A plan was exhibited by the Chairman of that part of Union street lying west of Hanover street, & which leads to the market place & great streets on the Mill Pond.—the plan was considered with relation to the improvement which might be made by widening that passage; and it was agreed that M^r. Weld should apply to the proprietor of the old building at the corner of Hanover street, late Frobishers, and to ascertain the probable expence of obtaining as much of it as should be wanted: and the Chairman was authorized to apply to the heirs of the late M^r. Devens respecting the small house next to Frobishers, and to request the proprietors of the Green Dragon tavern to appoint a committee to confer and act with this board on the subject of the proposed improvement.—

[**168.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen, November 25th. 1812. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Foster, Weld, Lovering, Austin & Williams.

6 jurors were drawn for Supreme Court.

On special application & recommendation the following persons were appointed Auctioneers, on condition that they shall not occupy offices in Market or Dock Square or State street.

M^r. Silas Field
M^r. William L Reaney

Approved the indentures of George Allen, a minor to Israel Cook, to continue in force until the 22^d. December 1816, when the said George Allen will arrive at the age of nineteen years.

A memorial was received from a great number of inhabitants, remonstrating against the execution of the two persons now under sentence of death for piracy, being permitted to be had at the bottom of the Common.—The subject was considered, and it was voted unanimously that the board could not consent that any part of the Common should be used for that purpose.

The Chairman was desired to communicate [**169.**] to the Marshal, the vote of the board; and at the same time to inform him of their readiness to aid the officers of the United States in executing the law; that a committee should accompany him to South Boston, to select the most convenient and suitable place, it being their opinion that the execution in a situation open to the view of the harbour will be best calculated, to answer the end of punishment, the prevention of similar crimes, by the display of their awful consequences.

Messrs. Hunnewell, Foster & Weld were appointed a committee for the above purpose.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen, December 2^d. 1812.—

Present the whole Board.

Whereas Mr James Freeman & others upon application to the Selectmen obtained liberty to lay a common sewer in Mason street, and it having been made to appear to the Board that the said work has been properly executed and the expence of the same being ascertained to amount to five hundred & eighteen dollars, twelve cents.—It is hereby ordered and adjudged by the Selectmen that the several persons who have laid their cross drains into said common sewer or main [**170.**] drain or receive benefit therefrom shall be assessed their proportion of the above expence as follows viz.—

John Welles, Isaac P. Davis, M^rs —— Lowell, Isaac Stevens, Benj^a Rich, George Bethune, James Freeman, David Greenough, Ebenezer Parker, —— Tarbell, David Higgins, Mrs Smith, Will-

iam Wetmore Esq., John Lowell, John Bellows, Charles Barrett, Benj[a] Wiggin, Winslow Lewis, John T. Apthorp, Doc[t]. Erving, 25.90 each.

And we hereby authorize & empower M[r]. James Freeman to demand & receive the same & to give discharges therefor.—

CHARLES BULFINCH
EBEN[R] OLIVER
JON[A] HUNNEWELL
JOSEPH FOSTER
NATHAN WEBB
BENJ WELD
JOSEPH LOVERING
JOSEPH AUSTIN
ROB[T] WILLIAMS
} Selectmen of Boston.

[**171.**] Passed the Quarterly Accounts.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen, December 9th. 1812. Present the whole Board.

Jurors were drawn for the Court of Common Pleas.

Return was made by Osgood Carleton & William Taylor who had been employed by the committee to survey Merrimack street, stating the height of the same compared with Pond street.— Agreed to meet on said street tomorrow P.M.—to view & decide upon the completing the same.—

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen December 14th. 1812.—

Present the whole Board.—

The board met for the purpose of drawing four jurors for District Court—and to confer respecting Merrimack street.—Jurors being drawn, it was agreed that M[r]. Hunnewell should direct the workmen to raise & dress off a certain portion of the street, as he should think the same ought to be completed for [**172.**] acceptance—M[r] Weld & M[r]. Austin joined with M[r] Hunnewell as a committee to inspect the same after it shall be completed.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen December 16th. 1812.—Present Mess[rs]. Bulfinch, Oliver, Foster, Webb, Weld, Lovering, Austin & Williams.

24 jurors were drawn for Supreme J. Court.

On application of M[r]. Francis Amory, it was unanimously agreed that he should be appointed an Auctioneer.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen December 28th. 1812. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Foster, Webb, Lovering, Austin & Williams.

Passed the Monthly Accounts.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen December 30th. 1812. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Foster, Webb, Lovering, Austin & Williams.

Closed the passing of Accounts.

[**173.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 6th. 1813. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Hunnewell, Foster, Weld, Lovering, Austin & Williams.

A letter was received from the proprietors of Green Dragon Tavern, stating the appointment of a committee to meet the board on the subject of widening that street:—In consequence of the above—The Chairman, Mr. Hunnewell & Mr. Weld were chosen a committee to meet the committee of proprietors.

The same committee were empowered to confer with the proprietors of land bordering on Charles River between West Boston bridge and Canal bridge, for obtaining their consent to the continuation of Charles street to Canal bridge, agreeably to the application now before the General Court.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 8th. 1813. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Webb, Weld, Lovering & Austin.

This meeting was specially called to draw 24 jurors for Supreme Judicial Court. which were drawn & return made thereof.—

Several members of the Board having viewed Merrimack street, were of opinion that it was necessary for the [**174.**] security of that street, that a quantity of gravel should be placed in two coves or exposed parts of the borders of the street, to prevent the washing of the tide; it was agreed that two hundred loads would be sufficient.—The above to be communicated to the Directors of Mill Pond Corporation.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 13th. 1813. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Hunnewell, Foster, Webb, Weld & Austin.

Complaint was made by Mr. William Callender against George Jackson, constable for exacting illegal fees.—

Ordered. that Mr. Jackson be notified to attend on Wednesday next.

In pursuance of a precept received from Hon Thomas Dawes Esq., Judge of Probate, inquisition was made into the circumstances of Lydia Heath, and return was made that she was non compos mentis, and it was recommended that a guardian be appointed for her.—

The Committee having reported that the Directors of the Mill Corporation had complied with the request of the Board, and had put two hundred loads of gravel on the most exposed parts of the margin of Merrimack street, to guard it from the tide.— The Chairman was directed to signify to the Directors, that the Board were ready to accept said street.

[**175.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 20th. 1813. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Foster, Weld, & Austin.—

Mr. George Jackson appeared & in presence of Mr. Callender gave satisfactory answers to the charge brought against him.—

Mr. Nathaniel Brewer was appointed to measure charcoal baskets used in this Town by the sellers of that article and directed to destroy all such as should not be of the dimensions required by law.

On the application of the officers of a new raised company, called the Rangers, an armory on the south side of the military hall is assigned for their use.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 25th. 1813. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Foster, Weld, Lovering & Austin.—

Passed upon the Monthly Accounts.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 27. 1813. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Foster, Lovering & Austin.

The Clerk of the Market having represented that one of the scale beams in the Market [**176.**] house, was much decayed, and incapable of repair, ordered that a new beam & scales be procured to replace it.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen February 4th. 1813. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Foster, Webb, Weld, Lovering & Austin.

Several reports from committees were made, relative to opening the westerly end of Union street: proposals had been made to the various proprietors of land and buildings. which they now have under consideration.—The committees were requested to pursue the business.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen February 17. 1813. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Foster, Webb, Weld, Lovering, Austin & Williams.

22 grand jurors & 35 traverse jurors were drawn for the next term of Supreme Judicial Court.

Agreed to proceed to make sale of the wooden school house in School street. on Thursday 25th. instant.

A petition was received from a number of persons requesting that measures should be taken to have all meal sold by weight in this Town.—It was agreed to refer this [**177.**] petition to the Representatives of the Town in the General Court, that they might act thereon as in their Judgement should be thought most expedient.—

M^{r}. William Cleland was appointed as Auctioneer.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen February 24th. 1813. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Foster, Weld & Williams.

Passed the Quarterly & Monthly Accounts.

Warrant was signed for the annual March meeting.

M . Eliot to print the notifications—and Rev. M^{r}. Eaton to be invited by M^{r}. Foster to open the meeting with prayer.—

M^{r}. Weld reported that M^{r}. Green agent and guardian to the proprietors of the small house next to the Green Dragon tavern had agreed to terms of sale for said house; but proposed that an appraisement should be made thereof in regular form of law, as of land taken to widen the street.—this proposal was agreed to, & Messrs. Redford Webster, Samuel Snelling & William Mackay were chosen referees; the other party having expressed his consent to them.—

The Chairman was directed to pay to M^{r}. James Green for the above house and land One Thousand dollars, from the amount to be [**178.**] received from M^{r}. Odin: and it is further agreed that M^{r}. Green shall have the use of said house & receive the rents for six months, and for any longer period, not to exceed one year, unless the board should see fit to have the house taken down after

the six months, in which case Mr. Green agrees to have the same taken down, & the cellar filled to the level of the street, he to have all the materials of the said house.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 3d. 1813. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Foster, Weld & Williams.

The Assessors handed to the board a new list of qualified voters in the several wards.—the same were examined, & it was ordered that Mr. Eliot should print them.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 10. 1813. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Foster, Webb, Weld, Austin, & Williams.

This being the first meeting of the Selectmen since the annual March meeting of the Town; they now proceeded to organize the board, by choosing a Chairman—the votes being taken, Charles Bulfinch Esq. was declared unanimously chosen.—

Jurors were drawn to serve at the Circuit Court of Common Pleas.

[**179.**] Mr. Mc.Neill, hay weigher, having exhibited his accounts to January 1st. the same were examined, it however appeared that he had not paid to the Treasurer the balance of the year 1811, or any portion of the proceeds of 1812—it was ordered that the Chairman inform Mr. Mc.Neill that unless those sums are paid before the next meeting his bondsmen will be informed of his delinquency & he will not be considered a candidate for a new choice.—

On the application of Mr. Rea it was agreed that he should occupy the room in the old Town house adjoining his shoe store (which was lately let to Mr. Donnison, and which he now gives up) on a lease of three years at seven hundred dollars per annum.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 17. 1813. Present Messrs. Oliver, Hunnewell, Foster, Weld, Lovering, Austin & Williams.—

Warrant was signed for Town meeting for the choice of Governour, Lieutenant Governour & five Senators.—

Mr. Eliot to print notifications.

Voted. That the sum of one thousand dollars be allowed to the officer of Police as his salary the ensuing year.—

Charles Bulfinch Esq. was unanimously chosen Officer of the Police for the ensuing year.

[**180.**] Voted. That the sum of five hundred dollars be allowed to the Deputy Police Officer as his salary the ensuing year.—

M^r. Jeremiah Bridge was chosen Deputy Police Officer for the year ensuing.—

M^r. Richard Austin was chosen sealer of weights and measures for the south district, & M^r. Timothy Green for the north district in this Town, for the present year.—

Messrs. Caleb Loring Junr. & Lemuel Capen were chosen sealers & weighers of lighters & boats, bringing stone, gravel & sand to this town.

Voted. To proceed to the choice of a Hay Weigher for one year, and the person chosen to continue in office until another is chosen in his stead—that he give bonds in the sum of one thousand dollars with two sureties for the faithful performance of his duty, & that his accounts be settled & all monies in his hands belonging to the town paid into the Town Treasury quarterly.

M^r. Samuel Phillips was chosen Hay Weigher, and John Parker & Joseph Lovering Esq^rs. were approved as his bondsmen.—

M^r. Abraham Jones was approved as an Auctioneer.

[**181.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 24th 1883. Present Messrs. Oliver, Hunnewell, Foster, Webb, Lovering Austin & Williams.—

Return was made by Henry Hill Esquire of repairing the drain from a passage leading into Blossom street, the account whereof being examined by the Selectmen was by them allowed. they being informed at the same time that all persons concerned in said drain had been notified according to law & no objection had been made; Assessment was now made; an order of payment was passed by the Selectmen as follows—viz.—

Whereas a drain or common sewer has been laid in a passage leading into Blossom street conformably to the directions of the Selectmen, the whole expence whereof amounts to ninety seven dollars, which expence is to be borne by such persons whose drains enter therein & receive benefit thereby. Wherefore we the subscribers Selectmen of the said town of Boston certify that having considered the same expence & by whom & in what manner it ought to be paid *Do Adjudge* that the same be paid in the proportion following & by the persons hereafter named. viz

Captain —— Carver, John Mycall, —— Homer, 1 Share, $16.16 each.

[182.] Henry Hill Esq., 3 Shares, $48.48.
And we hereby empower Henry Hill Esq. to demand & receive the same, and to give discharges therefor.—

Signed
EBEN^{R}. OLIVER
JON^{A}. HUNNEWELL
JOSEPH FOSTER
NATHAN WEBB
JOSEPH LOVERING
JOSEPH AUSTIN
ROB^{T}. WILLIAMS
} Selectmen.

14 Jurors were drawn for Circuit Court Com. Pleas.
A committee from the Board of Health appeared and produced a Vote of that board, proposing that the notifications for the choice of Assistant Assessors be issued on the same paper with those for the choice of members of the Board of Health—The Board agreed to the proposition & ordered that the notifications be printed by M^{r}. Loring, with those issued by the Board of Health.

Rev. M^{r}. Channing to be requested to open the Town Meeting with prayer.—

M^{r}. Tewkesbury appeared, & requested to know of the Board, what deduction they intended to make from his rent the two last years, in consequence of his being denied the privilege of taking ballast from Deer Island—referred to next meeting.—

[183.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 31st. 1813. Present Messrs. Oliver, Hunnewell, Foster, Webb, Weld, Lovering & Williams.—

Passed the Monthly Accounts.

M^{r}. Weld reported, that M^{r}. Odin had paid one thousand dollars on account of land sold him, which sum had been paid over to M^{r}. James Green agreeable to a vote of the board the 24th. ultimo—and that he had received of M^{r}. Odin his note of hand for one thousand dollars payable the 9th. November next—being in full for M^{r}. O's. purchase.—M^{r}. Weld was requested to keep M^{r}. Odins note until the further orders of the board.

On the application of M^{r}. Tewkesbury—the board agreed that he should pay at the rate of two hundred dollars per annum for the two last years—& that Deer Island be leased to him at the same rate & under the same restrictions with regard to ballast the present year—M^{r}. Tewkesbury being present assented to the above terms.—

On the application of Mr. Francis Amory the 17th. instant for liberty to build a livery stable on land situated between Marlborough street & Hawley street.—It was agreed that the situation was suitable for the proposed building, & was more remote from any place of public worship than was required by law—Voted, to approbate the intended livery stable, provided the same should be built of brick & made conformable to law.—

[184.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 14th. 1813. Present Messrs. Oliver, Foster, Webb, Lovering, Austin & Williams.

Messrs Jeremiah Draper & Benoice Johnson Junr. were approved as Auctioneers in company.

Pursuant to a precept received from Hon. Thomas Dawes Esq. Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk—inquisition was made into the circumstances of Ann Marshall, single woman—and return was made that she was non compos mentis & that it was advisable that a guardian be appointed for her.

On the application of a number of persons for liberty to place a fish stall at the bottom of Harvard street—Voted. that the request be granted under the superintendence of Mr. Lovering.

The board agreed to appoint Mr. Perkins Reed & B. Stevenson to attend at West Boston hill, Saturday nights & all Sundays, for which they are to be allowed two dollars each—weekly, until the further orders of the board.

Messrs. Jonathan Stodder and Joseph Stodder—were approved as sureties for Mr. Lawson Dench appointed as Dept. Collector by the Town Treasurer.

[185.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen, April 21st. 1813. Present Messrs. Oliver, Hunnewell, Foster, Webb, Lovering, Austin & Williams.—

Messrs. Oliver, Hunnewell & Foster, were appointed a committee on the application of Gen. Brooks, to meet the general at the Selectmens Room tomorrow at half past 12 O'Clock.

Voted. That Mr. Foster be a committee to Confer with the Town's Counsel respecting the Bond given by Mr. McNeill & report at the next Meeting.—

Voted, That Messrs. Hunnewell & Williams be a committee to report the necessary expence for repairing Fort Hill.—

Messrs. Lovering & Austin a committee to confer with the Board of Health respecting a place to deposit the filth of the Town.—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 28 1813. Present Messrs. Ebenr. Oliver, Jona. Hunnewell Joseph Foster, Nathan Webb, Benj Weld, Joseph Lovering, Joseph Austin, Robert Williams.

Return was made by Thomas Thorp of the expence of repairing the common sewer in Sheafe street, the account whereof being duly examined [**186.**] by the Selectmen, was by them allowed; they being informed at the same time that all persons concerned in said drain had been notified according to law and that no objection had been made—Assessment was now made, an order of payment was passed by the Selectmen as follows, viz. Whereas a certain drain or common sewer hath been laid in Sheafe street conformably to the directions of the Selectmen, the whole expence whereof amounts to forty dollars and fifteen cents, which expence is to be borne by such persons whose drains enter therein, and receive benefit thereby: Wherefore. we the subscribers, Selectmen of the said Town of Boston, certify that having considered the same expence, and by whom and in what manner it ought to be paid, do adjudge that the same be paid in the proportion following and by the persons hereafter named, viz.

Wm Thomkins, Thos. Whitman, Sarah Waters, Mary Jepson, Danl. Oliver, Gardner Hammond, Francis Green, each $5.74.

And we do hereby authorize & empower Mr. Thomas Thorp to demand & receive the same & to give discharges therefor.

EBENR. OLIVER
JONA. HUNNEWELL
JOSEPH FOSTER
NATHAN WEBB
BENJN WELD
JOSEPH LOVERING
} Selectmen.

Warrant was signed for Town Meeting 13th. Inst.

[**187.**] A communication was received from the Clerk of the Mill pond Corporation proposing that Mr. Andrew Sigourney should be employed at the joint expence of the Town & of the corporation to superintend the work on the Mill pond.—

Voted, that the Board approve of Mr. Sigourney as superintendent of the work, and will engage to pay one half of his expences for inspecting the laying of the common sewer, the building of the canal walls & any other work in which the Town shall be interested.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 30. 1813. Present the whole Board, excepting the Chairman.

The committees appointed by the Boards of Selectmen and of Health, to consider on the best method to dispose of the filth of the Town and designate proper places for depositing the same, have attended to the business assigned them, and recommend, that the wharf on Lynn street (heretofore used as a place of deposit) be enlarged by making an addition of fifty feet, and improved as one place of deposit, and that a piece of land on the Neck be appropriated by the Selectmen, on which a vault of fifty [**188.**] square and six feet deep shall be dug, to be covered with a tight roof, for the deposit of what is termed the night dirt.—

BENJ^A. WELD per Order.

The foregoing report was read & accepted by the Board.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 5. 1813. Present the whole Board except the Chairman.

The committee appointed to consider the necessary expence of repairing Fort Hill—Reported, a mode of improvement—the expence estimated at 500 dollars—Voted. to accept the report & to appropriate five hundred dollars for this object, if the abutters will agree to pay whatever sum it may amount to over the estimated amount of $500.

Messrs. Hunnewell & Lovering a committee to locate a piece of land on the Neck for depositing the night carts.—& the filth of the Town.

On the application of Dea. Warren M^r. Webb & M^r. Austin were appointed a Committee to examine the state of the Town's lot of land on the Mill pond, & report at the next Meeting.

On the application of Ebenezer Smith leave was granted him to improve the brick building on Mill Pond (formerly the Chocolate Mills) as a livery stable.—

M^r. Lovering to request Rev. M^r. Holley to open the meeting on the 13th Ins^t. with prayer.

[**189.**] A Petition from Mr Thurston and others respecting Bowdoin street, was received & read.

Voted. that Wednesday next be assigned to take the same into consideration & that M^r. Thurston be requested to notify all persons interested in said street to attend if they see cause.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 12th. 1813. Present the whole Board excepting the Chairman.—

Mr. Webb & Mr. Austin were appointed a committee to dispose of the lumber that remains on the inclosure on the Mill Pond.—

The committee on the application of the New England Guards —Reported, That a room in the south east corner of the upper hall be fitted up in the same manner as the other armories for their use.—

The committee appointed to locate a piece of land on the Neck for depositing the filth of the Town—reported, that they had laid out a piece of land adjoining the shed appropriated for the night carts.—

Warrant was signed for Town Meeting for the 24th. Instant

[**190.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 19th. 1813. Present Messrs. Hunnewell, Foster, Webb, Weld, Lovering & Austin.

On the application of Mr. W. W. Clapp Voted. that Mr. Clapp be employed to do the printing of the Town until it shall amount to the sum of sixty dollars, the sum he is indebted to the Town for rent.—

Voted. that the Chairman notify the owner of hack No. 6. that his license is suspended until the further order of this board, on account of the driver's receiving unlawful fees of Benjamin Pollard Esq.—

Voted. That a reward of twenty dollars be offered for detecting persons guilty of defacing buildings, fences &c.—

On the application of Mr. Harrington for a reduction of rent of the office No. 16 old State house—Messs. Austin & Lovering were appointed a committee to inquire into the propriety of complying with Mr. Harringtons request & report.—

The board in conformity to the institution of the Town came to the choice of a gentleman to deliver an oration on the 5th. July next, being the anniversary [**191.**] of the Declaration of the Independence of the United States: and Edward St. Loe Livermore Esq. was unanimously chosen.—

Mr. Minot settled his accounts as Treasurer of the Franklin Fund.—

William Minot Esq. was re-elected Treasurer of the Franklin fund for the year ensuing.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 24. 1813.—Present the whole Board except the Chairman.—

On the application of the Board of Health—Voted. that the room adjoining the office of the Clerk of the Market, be appropriated as an office for the use of the Superintendent of the Burial Grounds.

Voted. That the Chairman be requested to call a meeting of the committee of finance at the Selectmens room on Thursday next—at 4 O'clock. P.M.

[No entries on p. 192.]

[**193.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 31".—1813.—Present Messrs. Oliver, Hunnewell, Webb, Lovering & Williams.

Passed the Quarterly Accounts.

M^{r}. Merriam, Clerk of the Market exhibited his Account—The same was committed to the Chairman, M^{r}. Foster & M^{r}. Lovering for examination.—

On the application of M^{r}. Sancry for permission to place a fish box at the bottom of Rainsfords Lane—The Board agreed to grant his request, on condition that he should constantly keep fresh fish for sale at that place. ordered, That M^{r}. Brown remove his fish box from the aforesaid place forthwith.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 2^{d}. 1813—Present Messrs. Oliver, Hunnewell, Webb, Weld, Lovering, Austin & Williams.—

Closed the Quarterly Draft.—

Voted That M^{r}. Harrington's rent in the Old State House be reduced to one hundred & twenty dollars per annum from the first day of March last.—

[**194.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 8th. 1813. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Foster, Webb, Lovering, Austin & Williams.

28 Jurors were drawn for the Circuit Court of Common Pleas.—

On the summons to attend the taking of depositions in Roxbury relative to claim of Canal Proprietors to a piece of marsh land on the Neck—The Chairman & M^{r}. Lovering were desired to attend, and to employ M^{r}. Thacher to accompany them.

The accounts of M^r. Merriam, Clerk of the Market having been examined by the committee appointed for that purpose—report was made, that the expences of paving & flagging on the north side of Faneuil Hall—building new vegetable stalls, & fish boxes amounted to $2224. 25
The rents received from them one year was 779.26

That the expences of the old market $1^1/_4$ year including Clerk of Market & assistants pay, & repairs was - - - - - - $1787. 5
proceeds of $1^1/_4$ year to May 1st. - - - - - - - - - - - 2794. 21

To credit of Town, net proceeds $906 16

[**195.**] There had been received for weighing, included in the above—during
$1^1/^4$ years - 447.85
Expences to be deducted - - - - - - - - - - - - 225.48

Net proceeds - - - - - - - $222.37
and that the accounts were correct.—
The report was accepted.

A letter from P. O. Thacher Esq. was read, relative to the conduct of a party of the watch at West Boston; The Chairman was desired to present at the next meeting a return of the present state of the watch, & the subject referred to that time.

Application having been made for liberty to open part of the common sewer in North street, the proprietors had been notified —a remonstrance was now presented from a great number of them—the same was referred to Messrs. Webb & Austin to visit the premises and enquire into the circumstances of the case, and to report at next meeting.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Seleetmen June 11. 1813. Present Mess^r Oliver, Hunnewell, Webb, Weld & Austin.—

5 Jurors were drawn for District Court—U. S.

[**196.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 16. 1813. Present Messrs. Bulfineh, Oliver, Webb, Lovering & Austin.

30 Jurors were drawn for the July term of Supreme Judicial Court.

The Committee appointed to attend to the state of the common sewer in North street, reported that several houses at the lower

part of the street had been incommoded with water in the cellars, which had now disappeared—The proprietors of those houses were present and stated that the length of 150 feet would relieve all the houses which had suffered from water in their cellars.

Voted, That Deacon Rainsford have liberty to proceed to repair or new lay the common sewer in North street, under the inspection of M^r. Webb & M^r. Austin, to commence at the capsill of the dock, & not to extend further than one hundred & fifty feet southerly.—

[**197.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 28. 1813. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Foster, Webb, Weld, Austin, Loverlng & Williams.—

Passed the Monthly Accounts.

The Meeting was adjourned at 5 o'clock to attend a convention, composed of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor & Board of Health, pursuant to a law of the Legislature of June 16. 1813.—all the members attended except M^r. Foster.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 30. 1813. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Webb, Weld, Lovering, Austin & Williams.—

Completed the Monthly draft.—

Arrangements were adopted for the celebration of the Declaration of Independence.—

Ordered, that the bells should be rung from six to seven o'clock on the morning of the 5th. July.—And agreed to meet at the Senate Chamber at 11 o'clock.—

The following persons were appointed auctioneers for one year from the 1st. July Daniel Oliver, Tho. K. Jones, Wm Dehon, Saml. Whitwell, George Bond, [**198.**] Luther Parks, John C. Hastings Elisha Parks, Henry White James Bourguin Rich^d. H. Hough Fitz Edward Hutchings Benjamin Tucker Isaac P. Ingersol Caleb Hayward Joseph Bumstead Tho Clark Jacob Rogers Frink Stratton Frederick Beck Silas Field Saml. F. Coolidge Francis Amory William Gridley William Alline Geo. G. Channing W^m. Cleland Horatio Bass Ab^m. Jones Joseph Ripley Jerem^h. Draper Richard Edwards Benoice Johnson Cornelius Coolidge Danl. Wild Geo. Burroughs Junr. Abraham Carter Samuel Tufts James A. Allen John Jutan David Taylor John Sprague Nath. Gamage George Wheeler John H. Schaffer Charles Edwards John Winslow Junr.

Adjourned at 5 o'clock to meet the Convention, all the members present attended.

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen July 2d. 1813. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Webb, Weld, Lovering, Austin & Williams.

The present meeting was called for the purpose of attending an adjournment of the Town Convention & the members above named accordingly attended the meeting.

[**199.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 7th. 1813. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Webb, Weld, Lovering, Austin & Williams.

Return was made by Deacon Josiah C. Rainsford of the expence of repairing the common sewer in North street, the account whereof being duly examined by the Selectmen was by them allowed; they being informed at the same time that all persons concerned in said drain had been notified according to law & that no objection had been made—Assessment was now made, an order of payment was passed by the Selectmen as follows viz. Whereas a drain or common sewer has been laid in North street conformably to the directions of the Selectmen, the whole expence whereof amounts to one hundred & fifty nine dollars & sixty cents, which expence is to be borne by such persons whose drains enter therein & receive benefit thereby—Wherefore, we the subscribers, Selectmen of said Town of Boston certify that having considered the same expence and by whom & in what manner it ought to be paid—*Do Adjudge* that the same be paid in the proportion following & by the persons hereafter named—viz.

Doct —— Webster, [**200.**] James Shuman, Lewis Leland, Capt. N. C. Bangs, Capt. Josiah Bachelder, Stephen Shelton, Col. Amos Binney, John Cogswell, John Tuckerman, Capt. Benja. Smith, —— Late, Estate of Rev. John Eliot, Capt. Wm. Ward, John Ripley, Daniel Macom, Joseph Adams, John Williams, Katy & Nancy Doubt, Edward Oliver, William Mills, Samuel Dickman, Nathl. Clark, Mrs. —— Adams, Capt. —— Webber, Saml. Hastings, Lewis Lincoln, Wm Marsh, Samuel Low, Andrew Drummond, Wm Woodward, William Bell Junr., [**201.**] —— Larkin, Benja. Jarvis, Nathl. Woodward, Capt. David Pulsifer, Elijah Clap, Joseph Rogers, Capt. Wm Burrows, Dea. Moses Grant, Noah Lincoln, Thomas Lambert, Josiah Snelling, Lincoln & Gillis by, Benja. Fullington, Jacob Hiler, —— Collier, —— Jackson, John Williams, John How, Leach's Estate, James Harrisons Estate, Wm Mills, each $1.75.

Benjamin Jarvis, Samuel Parkman, Benja Fuller, Josiah C. Rainsford, Mrs. —— Holland, William Collins, Wm Fales (Agent), Joseph Chandler, —— Parker, Henry Hutchinson, Capt. John Cruft & Edward Cruft, Col. —— Revere, Mrs. Swift, Joseph Allen, Estate of Capt. Simonds, John Lathabee, —— Batson, each 2, $3.50.

Estate Sam[l]. Watts (W[m] Dodd Adm[r].), John D. Howard, each 3, $5.25.

And We hereby empower M[r]. William Bell Ju[r]. to demand & receive the same & to give discharges therefor.—

Signed, CHARLES BULFINCH, EBEN[R]. OLIVER, NATHAN WEBB, JOSEPH LOVERING, ROB[T]. WILLIAMS } Selectmen of Boston

[**202.**] The following persons were appointed constables for the year ensuing & their sureties approved.—viz.

Thomas Stevenson	Tho[s]. Stevenson Jr. & W[m]. Stevenson
Henry Lane	Caleb Whiting & Jer. Munroe
Elisha Copeland	John Perry & John Gibson
Moses Thayer	John Minchin & Ja[s]. Liswell
James Sumner Jr.	Tho[s]. W. Sumner & Ja[s] Ridgway
Solomon Twist	W[m]. Simonds & Amos Penniman
William Tupper	John Gibson & John How
Benj[a]. B. Leeds	Jer[h]. Gore & Sam[l]. H. Babcock
William Brooks	Moses Wallach & Lem[l]. Babcock
James Perkins	Tim[o]. Green & Ja[s]. Williams
William Dinsmore	W[m]. Cochrane & David S. Eaton
Jonathan Prescott	John Barnard & Rob[t]. Barber
Rob[t]. Rixford	E. Frothingham & Tho. Redman
Thomas Holden	Silas Harvey & Jn[o]. Gordon
Wendell R. Barker	Brad Y. Billings & P. Dickerman
Benj C. Stevenson	S. Bell & T. Stevenson Jun[r].
David Rixford	W. P. Whiting Esq. & Thompson Miller
George Jackson	Peter Bicknell & Martin Burr
George Reed	Robert New & Caleb Whiting
Benj[a]. Horton Jun[r].	Benj[a]. Horton & W[m]. Lovering
Walter Crosby	Js[e]. Munroe & John French
Andrew Sanborn	Horace Dupee & Ja[s]. Burchstead

The following Dep[y]. Collectors were also appointed constables viz.

Mitchell Lincoln
Lawson Dench

[**203.**] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen July 21st 1813. Present Mess[rs]. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Webb, Weld, Lovering, Austin & Williams.

Return was made by M[r]. Elisha Wood of the expence of repairing the common sewer in Jarvis Row, the account whereof being duly examined by the Selectmen was by them allowed; they being informed at the same time that all persons interested in said

drain had been notified according to law and that no objection had been made—Assessment was now made, an order of payment was passed by the Selectmen as follows viz. Whereas a drain or common sewer has been laid in Jarvis' Row conformably to the directions of the Selectmen, the whole expense whereof amounts to seventy six dollars & eighty two cents, which expense is to be borne by such persons whose drains enter therein and receive benefit thereby: Wherefore we the subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Boston certify that, having considered the same expence and by whom and in what manner it ought to be paid *Do Adjudge* that the same be paid in the proportion following & by the persons hereafter named—viz—

John Jarvis, 3 shares, $23.04

Stephen Roberts, Elisha Wood, Widow Andrew and William B. Cotton, Widow Penniman, Seth Taylor and W^m^. D Sohier, each 1 share, $7.68

[**204.**] Pelatiah Rea, 2 shares, $15.36

And We do hereby authorize and empower M^r^. Elisha Wood to demand & receive the same and to give discharges therefor.—

(Signed)

CHARLES BULFINCH
EBEN^R^. OLIVER
JON^A^. HUNNEWELL
NATHAN WEBB
BENJ^N^. WELD
JOSEPH LOVERING
JOSEPH AUSTIN
ROB^T^. WILLIAMS

} Selectmen of Boston.

An Account was presented from M^r^. Phillips, Hay weigher, of the proceeds of the hay scales one quarter,—the same was referred to M^r^. Hunnewell to examine & report.

A communication was received from the Town Treasurer, stating the amount of demands unpaid against the Town, & requesting the advice & opinion of the board of the expediency of borrowing a sufficient sum to discharge the most urgent demands—The same having been considered,—Voted that the Treasurer be advised & empowered to borrow the sum of ten thousand dollars to discharge the most pressing demands upon the Town Treasury.

[**205.**] Deeds of the lands in Mill Pond were presented by the Clerk of that Corporation—they were read & referred to the Chairman & M^r^. Foster for examination.

On a Representation being made to the Board that M^r^. Robert Rand had become intemperate, & was in danger by wasting his property & idleness, of becoming chargeable to the Town, a certificate to that effect was addressed to the hon. Judge of Probate, requesting that a guardian might be appointed for him.—

It having been made to appear to the Selectmen that several persons have lately entered their drains into the Common Sewer in Jarvis' Row who have paid no part of the expence of building the same—It is hereby adjudged that they shall pay for that privilege as follows, to be divided among the original proprietors—according to the Vote of the Selectmen February 24th. 1806. viz. And we hereby authorize & empower Mr. Elisha Wood to demand & receive the same & to give discharges therefor.—
viz.

Pelatiah Rea 1 Entrance $10—
Lemuel Hayward 1 D—$10—
Childs & French 1 D—$10—

Signed CHARLES BULFINCH, EBENR. OLIVER
JONATHAN HUNNEWELL, BENJA. WELD
JOSEPH LOVERING, JOSEPH AUSTIN
} Selectmen of Boston

[**206.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 28. 1813. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Weld, Lovering, Austin & Williams.

Passed the Monthly Accounts.

Messrs. Oliver, Weld, Hunnewell & Austin a committee to examine Charles Ree's account of work done by him at bottom of common—& report what should be allowed him.

On a complaint from Mr. Geo. Wheeler against Mr. George Jackson, constable, ordered that Mr. Jackson be notified to attend the meeting of the board next Wednesday.

The committee chosen to examine the releases of land to be divided in the Mill Pond, reported as follows.—

The committee appointed to examine the deeds of release between the Selectmen and the directors of [the] Mill Corporation, make the following statement.

That from minutes of particular surveys made by Mr. Carleton the following parcels of land are now ready for division—exclusive of streets.—All the land from Todd's distill house [**207.**] to Pitt street and between Merrimack street and the shore is - 94928 ft.
From Pitt street to Ivers street contains - - - - - - 26162 1/4 "
From Ivers street to Portland street - - - - - - - - 25521—
Between Portland & Friend streets including the triangular block marked C - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 35838 3/4—
Bottom of Union street by Green dragon land - - - - 5928—
Between Cooper & Stillman streets adjoining Perkins Nichols land - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 3515—

Between Stillman & Cross streets	36835—
South of Cross street	24733—
West adjoining the canal	5950—
Triangular block between Lancaster and Merrimack streets	30132—
Amount in square feet	289,543—

one eighth of which, the property of the Town, is ft. 36,192—
and conveyed by deed as follows

1 plot marked A	5928
1 - - - - - - B	3650
1 - - - - - - C	3232
1 - - - - - - D	4725
1 - - - - - - E	2664
1 - - - - - - F	12,148
1 - - - - - - G	3804
	Amount 36,151 feet

The committee report that the deeds as prepared are correct & ready for signature.—

CHARLES BULFINCH
JOSEPH FOSTER

[**208.**] the same report was accepted, and the gentlemen present proceeded to sign the deeds of release to the Mill Corporation.

Mr. Hunnewell was desired to inspect the state of the roof over the square market—west end of the hall, to report what repairs were necessary.—

On a notification from the board of Health, Mr. Williams was desired to view part of Broad street, & to report what was necessary to cleanse the same.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 4th. 1813. Present The whole Board except Mr. Foster.

Mr. Wells appeared in behalf of the inhabitants of Back street. to request that measures might be taken for laying a common sewer in that street from Richmond street to Prince street.—It was agreed that the Chairman should notify each of the abutters, of the proposed undertaking; that they might make objections if they should see fit so to do.—

Mr. George Jackson appeared on the complaint of Mr. Wheeler —the complainant not being present agreed to refer the subject to the next meeting. both parties to be notified to appear.

[**209.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 11th. 1813. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Webb, Weld & Lovering.

Mr. Hunnewell reported that he had examined the accounts of Mr. Samuel Philips hay weigher & had found the balance due to the Town to be sixty five dollars & fourteen cents, which was ordered to be paid to the Treasurer.

A communication was received from the Board of Health relative to nuisance in Tucker's pasture—but no order was taken thereon.—

A number of inhabitants of Back street appeared to object to new laying the common sewer in that street.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 30th. 1813.—
Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Webb, Weld, Lovering & Austin.—

Passed the quarterly Accounts.

[**210.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen September 1st. 1813. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Webb, Weld & Williams.

Passed Accounts.

The Chairman, Mr. Oliver & Mr. Weld, a committee to meet with committees from the Court of Sessions, the Overseers of the Poor, and others, to take into consideration the licentious conduct of the inhabitants & frequenters of the hill south of Cambridge street, and to advise upon and adopt measures to remedy this increasing nuisance.—

6 jurors were drawn for District Court.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen September 8th. 1813. Present, Messrs. Bulfinch, Webb, Weld, Lovering, Austin & Williams.

28 jurors were drawn for Circuit Court of Com. Pleas.

Mr. Hunnewell was appointed a committee to inspect the walls of the canal in the Mill Pond & also the wall now building outside of the Causeway;—the same having been represented by some persons as insufficient.

[**211.**] An application respecting a house in Olive street, represented hazardous—was committed to the Chairman to view and Report.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen September 15th. 1813. Present the whole Board except Mr. Williams.

The Clerk of the Market produced his accounts for the quarter ending Augt. 1st. with vouchers for the same, and a receipt from the Treasurer for the balance of $200.$^{91}/_{100}$ the same were examined and approved.

Mr. Hunnewell was desired to have necessary repairs made to Lincoln street—on the request of the abutters.

The Chairman empowered to have some gravel spread at the head of Middlecot street, to repair the street & to help the ascent to Derne street.

[The] Military company of Ward 8 have liberty to use one of the armories to deposit their belts & knapsacks &c until it shall be wanted for an armory.

Complaint was received from Mr. Sanborn constable of the Center Watch—[**212.**] respecting some of his men; and also a memorial from the watchmen against Mr. Sanborn—Agreed that the parties be notified to appear on next Wednesday afternoon—for examination into the causes of complaint.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen September 22d 1813. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Webb, Weld, & Austin.

Agreeably to assignment—the captain of the Center Watch & a number of the members of the same Watch were present and were examined, relative to complaints laid before the board by them.—after a full hearing they withdrew—and it was voted by the board, that three members of the watch, Davis, Holden, & Jenkins be dismissed; and that the Chairman, Mr. Hunnewell & Mr. Weld be a committee to reprimand Captt. Sanborn for want of system and energy.—

Mr. Lovering was desired to procure a sufficient quantity of gun powder to complete what is required by law.—

Certificate was signed, approving of the building in Federal street, to be used as a Theatre for the ensuing season, & also of Messrs. [**213.**] Powell & Dickson & their associates as performers the same time.—

Agreeably to a precept from [the] hon. Judge of Probate for County of Suffolk, inquisition was made into the circumstances of Mrs. Leeds, widow, and return was signed, to the Judge of Probate, that she was a person, non compos mentis, and recommending that a guardian should be appointed for her.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen September 27. 1813. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Webb, Weld & Lovering.

Passed the Monthly Accounts.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen September 29th. 1813 Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Weld, Lovering & Austin.

Completed the passing of Accounts.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 6th. 1813. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Webb, Weld, Lovering & Austin.

Mr. Griggs was appointed an inspector of chimneys and superintendent [**214.**] of sweeps, with liberty to make use of the Clerk of the Markets' room as an office.—

Mr. Austin & Mr. Webb were desired to have the engine house in Back street enlarged and a chimney built—provided the rent of the land shall not exceed twenty dollars after the building shall be enlarged.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 13th. 1813. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Webb, Weld, Lovering & Austin.

Mr. Oliver & Mr. Lovering, a committee to view Hawley street near Mr. Amorys' new building—represented by Mr. Winthrop to have been raised too high for the opposite buildings.—

Agreed to call a Town Meeting on Wednesday next. to consider the report of the committee respecting the proposal for Mill dam &c.—

Petition was received from a number of the Methodist Society, complaining of the conduct of unruly lads on the evenings of their lectures.—The Chairman was desired to inform the petitioners, that if they would appoint proper persons to notice & complain of the offenders, the officers of the Police would prosecute them for their misconduct.—

[**215.**] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen October 18th. 1813. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Foster & Weld.

4 jurors were drawn for U. S. Circuit court.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 25. 1813. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Webb, Weld, Austin & Williams.

Passed the Monthly Accounts.

Mess^r. Asahel Plimpton & Philip Marett in Company & M^r. Nathaniel H. Whitaker, are approved as auctioneers.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen November 3^d. 1813. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Hunnewell, Foster, Webb, Weld, Lovering, Austin & Williams.

Jurors were drawn for the Supreme Judicial Court.

The Chairman reported that he had examined the accounts of M_r. Phillips hay weigher to October 1st. that the balance due to the town was eighty eight dollars, six cents—an order was passed that the Treasurer should demand & receive the same.

[**216.**] M^r. Philip Burrill, constable of one division of the north watch having lately deceased, several applications were received from persons wishing to supply the vacancy: which were read, & M^r. Ezra Chamberlin was approved & chosen as constable of the watch.

An application was received from the inhabitants of Charles street requesting that that street should be furnished with lamps & lighted. Voted. That the Chairman give directions for placing as many lamps as may be necessary, it being the opinion of the Board that eight would be sufficient.

It was agreed that M^r. William Wright should have the care & superintendence of the lamps the present season & Messrs. Hunnewell, Foster & Lovering a committee to consider what improvements could be made either in arrangement of lighters & economy of purchases & repairs.

Voted. That the Treasurer be requested to pay to M^rs. Burrill the amount of wages due for her late husbands services as constable of the watch.—

The Board being appointed a committee on the application of M^r. David Greenough for purchase of land belonging to school house; West street.—agreed to view the said land tomorrow 11 o'clock.—

[**217.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen November 10th. 1813. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Hunnewell, Foster, Webb, Weld, Lovering, Austin & Williams.—

The deputy collectors appointed by the Town Treasurer to collect the back taxes—made application to the board that the rate of compensation for that service should be agreed upon previous to their commencing the business.

The Chairman, M^r. Hunnewell and M^r. Foster to confer with the Treasurer & to report on this subject.—

The committee to regulate the lighting of lamps the present season, reported their arrangements & proposed that the oil lately received should be guaged, that the real quantity might be known.—The Chairman was desired to direct M^r. Wright to employ M^r. Samuel Wheelwright for that purpose, & inform M^r. Bradlee that he might be present at the time.

Remonstrance was received from M^r. Samuel Gore relative to beef stalls in front of his stores in Union Street—The Chairman & M^r. Weld a committee to examine into the right of the Town to occupy that stand for such purposes.—

[218.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen November 17. 1813. Present Messrs. Bulfinch & all the other Members of the Board.

Jurors were drawn for the District Court of the United States.

The committee appointed to confer with the Treasurer respecting the compensation to the deputy collector, reported that there were still outstanding taxes from about 5000 persons, many of whom might be calculated upon as having deceased or left the town—after various propositions had been discussed respecting a suitable pay to the deputy for collecting the said taxes;—it was agreed as follows.—

That 20 cents shall be allowed to the deputy collectors for each summons which they shall actually deliver to any person, so as to effect the final settlement of his tax, either by receiving payment thereof, or by having the same abated.

That in addition to the fees and commission upon those taxes for which they shall be under the necessity to distrain; the board will allow 5 per centum, upon all monies which they shall pay to the Town Treasurer upon amount of taxes.

That the Assessors be desired to inform all persons who shall apply for abatements on back taxes, that the fee for the summons of 20 cents which the law requires, cannot be abated; but [219.] must be paid to the Treasurer for the benefit of the deputy collector.

And Voted, that the deputy collectors be informed that the Selectmen expect and require their utmost diligence in collecting the outstanding taxes committed to them; that all monies which can be expected to arise from them be paid into the Treasury, &

the taxes of all who are deceased, who cannot be found, or who are entitled to abatement, be finally liquidated at the Treasurers office before the 1st. of May next.—

On application from the congregation of the new North Religious Society, for the use of the North School house on the 8th. December for the purpose of meeting there previous to the ordination of Mr. Francis Parkman—the Chairman was desired to inform the applicants that the board consented to their request.

On a report made by Mr. Hunnewell it was agreed that Mr. Spear collector of the rents of the north division of the square market be allowed thirty dollars, to be deducted from his next payment, in consideration of delinquencies in some of the tenants of the stalls—And that Mr. Spear be informed that the board will make no such allowance in future; but expect that in case of any delinquency or neglect of any tenant in paying his rent; that he will make immediate representation thereof to the Chairman, that measures may be taken for securing the rent or finding a new occupant for such stall.—

Recommendations having been received [**220.**] in favour of Mr. David Forsaith—of Mr. Caleb E. Grice & of Mr. Charles Head—for the appointment of Auctioneers—they were all approved by the board.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen November 24th. 1813. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Foster, Weld, Lovering & Williams.

Approved the Indentures of John Day, a minor to Noah Hawley, silversmith, to continue in force untill December 25th. 1819.

The subject of Mr. Gore's complaint against the stalls in Union Street was considered, when it was agreed to inform Mr. Gore that the season being now far advanced, it would not be practicable to build other accommodations for the occupants of those stalls untill the spring, when measures should be taken for their removal from the place complained of.

Summons was received from Messrs. Hancock & Spear, to appear, and defend the warranty of sale of land on Beacon hill conveyed to them, and for which a suit has been commenced against them by William H. Sumner & others—The Chairman informed that he had seen Mr. Hancock on this subject who had engaged H. G. Otis Esq. as their counsel in the case.—

Voted, That the Chairman be desired to apply to Saml. Dexter Esq. to furnish him with the necessary records and papers, & to engage [**221.**] him to appear on the part of the Town.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen November 29th. 1813. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Hunnewell, Foster, Weld, Lovering, Austin & Williams.

Passed the quarterly Accounts.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen December 1st. 1813. —Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Webb, Weld, Lovering, Austin & Williams.

Closed the examination of Accounts.—

Messrs. Weld, Williams & Foster a committee to view the stable occupied by Mr. Gragg in Atkinson street, to report whether any measures can be taken to render it suitable for a licensed livery stable.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen December 6th. 1813.—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Webb, Lovering, Austin & Williams.

A special meeting, 6 jurors were drawn to serve at present term of Supreme J. Court.

On a representation from the Town Treasurer, it was agreed that the small stall in the north side of the market house occupied by Joseph Hawes—be at the rent of eight dollars pr. quarter—and that the Treasurer be authorized to settle the back rent at that rate.—

[**222.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen December 15. 1813. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Foster, Webb, Weld, Lovering, Austin & Williams.—

32 jurors were drawn to serve at the Circuit Court of Common Pleas.—

A complaint of Mr. Marsh, that Mr. Samuel White the occupant of a house in Pleasant street, had converted the wood shed adjoining to said house into a stable and barn for hay.—was referred to the consideration of the firewards, being a breach of the law, to secure the Town against danger from fire.

The Chairman reported that a number of young men having been observed skating on the pond in the common for two Sundays past he had directed the constables to apprehend them—12 of them had been taken before a magistrate—the opinion of the board was given that four or five of the oldest should be prosecuted as an example and the others dismissed, upon paying the expences already incurred.—

The Committee to view Mr. Graggs stable in Atkinson street, reported that the alterations lately made, had not rendered the stable more hazardous than before.

Mr. James Dalton & Mr. William Cochran were approved as Auctioneers.

[223.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen December 27. 1813. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Foster, Weld, Lovering, Austin & Williams.

Passed the monthly accounts.—

Mr. Weld was desired to enquire what repairs or cleaning were necessary to the West Boston Clock.

2 Jurors were drawn to serve at the District Court.

Mr. Daniel Hersey, being well recommended, was approved as an Auctioneer.—

Mr. Hunnewell & Mr. Austin, to consult the Clerk of the market respecting a place for keeping the small scales and weights.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen December 29th. 1813. Present Messr. Bulfinch, Foster, Webb, Weld Lovering & Austin.—

Completed the Accounts.

A communication was received from Messrs. Lincoln & Copeland, late deputy Collectors under William Smith Esq. representing that there was a considerable portion due to them of the fees for delivering summonses to delinquents which fees had [224.] been paid to Mr. Smith, and which he had not paid over to them.—It appeared to the board that these fees had not been entered in the Town accounts, and it was their opinion that the Deputy Collector had a claim & should demand the payment from Mr. Smith.—

A number of persons were approved as retailers of spirituous liquors.—

Mr. Gilman Collamore was approved as an Auctioneer.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 5th. 1814. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Foster, Webb, Weld, Lovering, Austin & Williams.

A number of applications having been made for licences to retail spirits in various shops on the hill south of Cambridge street—the expediency of granting any licenses in that neighbourhood was considered—the Chairman stated the energetic measures of the police officers & the Municipal Court in prosecuting offenders in that situation.—It was finally agreed that licenses might be granted to a few of the most responsible persons, who were owners of real estate, & who on that account would feel an interest in preserving good order.—M^{r}. Bradlee in Grove Street & M^{r}. Sullivan in Garden street were accordingly approved.

[**225.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 19th. 1814. Present the whole Board (except M^{r}. Weld).

A number of applications for licenses on West Boston hill was laid before the board, and several persons appeared to state their claims to indulgence—after their retiring it was determined to adhere to the resolution of the Board to grant no more licenses at present.—

Capt. John White having applied for license as an Auctioneer, & being well recommended, was approved under the conditions of not taking a shop in Market or Dock Square or State street.—

The Chairman was desired to insert an advertisement in the paper respecting the smoking cigars, conformably to the vote of the firewards, communicated some time since.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 26th. 1814. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Foster, Weld, Lovering & Austin.

A petition was received praying that the wood stand in Bowdoin Square might be altered, and that the country wood in future [**226.**] should be directed to stand on Merrimack street.
The same was considered, and determined to inform the applicants that the season being so far advanced the board did not think it expedient to make the proposed alteration at present; but would make more convenient arrangements for another season.—

A petition from M^{r}. Nathl. Emmes respecting a note due from him to the Town, was referred to the Chairman, to make inquiries respecting the same of the Treasurer.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 31^{t}. 1814. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Foster, Webb, Weld, Lovering & Austin.

Passed the Monthly Accounts.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen February 2d. 1814. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Foster, Weld, Lovering & Austin.

Completed the Accounts.

It was agreed that the Treasurer be informed it was the opinion of the board that the Town [227.] had no legal demand on Mr. Emmes for a note signed by him—owing to the neglect of former Treasurers in not demanding the payment of the same.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen February 16th. 1814. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Foster, Weld, Lovering, Austin & Williams.

Jurors were drawn to serve at the Supreme Judicial Court.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen February 23d. 1814. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Hunnewell, Foster, Weld, Lovering & Austin.—

Several petitions were received on subjects to be inserted in warrant for March meeting—The same were read, and the Town Clerk was desired to prepare the warrant for signature next Monday.

[228.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen February 28th. 1814. Present The whole board.

Passed upon the accounts of the quarter.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 2d. 1814. Present the whole board (except Mr. Williams).

4 Jurors were drawn for the District Court.

Warrant was signed for Town meeting for choice of Town officers.

Mr. Parkman to be requested to open the meeting with prayer.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 9th. 1814.—Present The whole Board.

32 Jurors were drawn to serve at the Court of Common Pleas.—

Whereas the President and Directors of the Union Bank, The New England Marine Insurance Company, John Brazer & others owners of estates adjoining unto and upon Exchange lane or Shrimptons lane so called did on the 29th January 1810 enter into

an agree-[**229.**]ment with the Selectmen relative to the widening of the said street twelve feet on the west side thereof according to a plan of the said alteration made by Charles Bulfinch Esq. and bearing date the 24th February 1810 which plan is upon file;—and whereas twelve feet have been added to said street according to agreement aforesaid, and whereas in the opinion of the board the public convenience and safety of the inhabitants of the Town required the said alteration—It is ordered that the addition of twelve feet to the said street or lane on the west line thereof be recorded as a part of said street, & is hereby recorded as such.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 16. 1814. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Foster, Webb, Weld, Lovering & Austin.—

This being the first meeting of the Selectmen since the annual March meeting of the Town, they now proceed to the choice of a Chairman—the votes being taken—Charles Bulfinch Esq. was declared to be unanimously chosen.—

A number of persons appeared, residents about Wheelers Point, to complain of rude and indecent conduct of boys in that neighbourhood on Sundays. It was agreed that two Constables should be employed to disperse them or to apprehend the most disorderly for prosecution.—

[**230.**] The Board now determining to make choice of the various officers required by law, it was voted that the compensation to the Superintendent of Police & to his deputy should be the same as the past year.—

Ballots being taken—Charles Bulfinch Esq was chosen Superintendent of Police—and Mr. Jeremiah Bridge assistant police officer.

Mr. Richard Austin was chosen sealer of weights and measures for the south district, and Mr. Timothy Green for the north district in this town for the present year.—

Messrs. Caleb Loring Junr. and Lemuel Capen were chosen sealers & weighers of lighters and boats, bringing stone, gravel & sand to this town.—

Mr. Samuel Phillips was chosen hay weigher & John Parker & Joseph Lovering Esqrs were approved as his bondsmen.—

Mr. Nathaniel Merriam was chosen Clerk of the market for the year ensuing.—

The accounts of the clerk of the market were exhibited and found correct—to Feby 1—with a receipt from the Treasurer of the balance paid by the Clerk of the market into his hands.—

[**231.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 23^{d}. 1814.—Present The whole Board.—

Warrant was signed for meeting of the Town on the first Monday of April, for choice of Governour, Lieu^{t}. Gov. & Senators.—

M^{r}. Eliot to print notifications, Rev. M^{r}. Lowell to be requested to open the meeting with prayer.—

The Town having empowered the Selectmen, at the late Town meeting to convey to the proprietors of new South Church all their right and interest in the passage way back of their meeting house, and leading from Summer street to Pond street—to enable them to rebuild their house on an enlarged plan—a deed of the same was now executed by the Board.—

The board having thought it expedient to straighten the easterly side of Congress street, by taking off a small portion of land from the cellar of a building now preparing to be erected: Messrs. William S & Henry Spear, agents for M^{rs}. Cordis, the proprietor of the land were present, and it was agreed to draw the line so as to add to the street a piece of said land sixty five feet 6 inches long—eight inches wide at the south end & twelve inches wide at the northerly end thereof—containing by estimation fifty one & one half feet.—it was agreed between the board [**232.**] and said agents, to leave the consideration of the amount of damages to Arnold Wells, Uriah Cotting & Andrew Sigourney Esqrs—and the Chairman was desired to ask their services and prepare the necessary papers.—

M^{r}. Hunnewell & M^{r}. Foster to consider what measures were proper to be taken for repair of dials of the Town Clock on the Old South Church.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 28th. 1814—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Hunnewell, Foster, Webb, Weld, Lovering Austin & Williams.

Passed the Monthly Accounts.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 30th. 1814. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Foster, Webb, Weld, Lovering, Austin & Williams.

The Auditors of Accounts appointed at the late Town meeting appeared to confer with the board, relative to the duties com-

mitted to them—a general conversation took place upon the subject of the money matters of the Town, the votes of the Town were read, & the printed reports of committees of past years were handed to them for their information.—

[**233.**] A number of Accounts were passed.

Mr. John Tyler having been well recommended, was appointed an Auctioneer.

Mary Ann Gardner, a black woman & widow, having represented that her son William Gardner has been confined in prison since the 17th. February last, for breach of a bye law, in sweeping chimneys without license, & that they are unable to pay the fine & costs.—Voted to remit the said fine and costs, and to desire that the said William may be discharged.—

The following is the award of the gentlemen appointed to estimate damages for land taken in Congress street.—

The Subscribers appointed by the annexed Agreement of the Town of Boston by the Selectmen & William S & Henry Spear as agents for the Widow Elizabeth Cordis to determine what sum the Town of Boston shall pay to Mrs Cordis for the land taken from her estate in Congress street, do award that the said Town pay therefor at the rate of one dollar & fifty cents per foot amounting to the sum of seventy seven dollars & twenty five cents—Signed A Welles
Uriah Cotting
Andrew Sigourney

An order was passed to the Treasurer to pay the above amount to Messrs Spear.—

[**234.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 13. 1814. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Foster, Webb, Weld, Lovering, Austin & Williams.—

The Town Clerk having produced a bond duly executed by Mr. Samuel Phillips, hay weigher, for the present year.—it was ordered that the bond for last year should be cancelled.—

An application was received from a number of the occupants of beef stalls, & persons living near the market, relative to the appropriation of the new stalls now building on the north side of the vegetable market—the same was referred to Messrs. Hunnewell, Weld & Austin, to consider the same & confer with the Clerk of the market and report their opinion.—

Complaint was received against two members of the North Watch—the Chairman was desired to enquire into the subject, &

if the charges should be found to be proved to dismiss those persons from the watch immediately.

Mr. Weld & Mr. Foster were desired to call upon Stephen Higginson Esq. [**235.**] to confer with him upon the affairs of Thomas Boylston with the Town, in consequence of letters which he has received from the assignees in England.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 19th. 1814. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Foster, Webb, Weld, Lovering, Austin & Williams.—

This meeting was called in consequence of an alarm excited by the report of a number of ships of war having been seen off the coast—and at the suggestion of the field officers of the Boston Militia.—

George Sullivan Esq., Captain of the New England Guards appeared & presented memorials signed by all the officers of the militia, in which a statement was made of the defenceless state of our harbour & coast—and a request was made that the Selectmen would apply to the Adjutant General for such allowance from the appropriation made by the Legislature of this Commonwealth for the defence of the sea coast, as would put the Town and harbour into a suitable posture of defence.—

[**236.**] The draft of a letter to the Adjutant General was agreed upon & voted that—The Chairman Mr. Foster & Mr. Weld be a committee to meet daily at Faneuil Hall, to receive communications from the Adjutant General, or the field officers—and to concur with them in the plans of public defence which they may adopt.—

The following was sent to the Adjutant General signed by the Chairman in behalf of the board.—

Boston April 19th. 1814.

Sir

The Selectmen of the Town of Boston have this morning received the communications from the officers of the militia of the Town, which I have now the honour to hand to you. The Selectmen are most fully impressed with the importance and accuracy of the statements made to them, and of the duty of making suitable arrangements against any event that may occur.—They have accordingly directed me to apply to you as Commissioner for the appropriation of the means provided by the Legislature, to request that you would take such measures in concurrence with the field officers of the militia as you [**237.**] shall think proper, for the preparation and equipment of such means of defence as our harbour & the coast in its vicinity are capable of.—

The Selectmen would be happy to give their assistance at this important crisis, to place the Town in a respectable situation, which may discourage any attempt from the enemy, and give a proper degree of confidence to their fellow citizens; they have determined that a committee of the board shall attend every day at 11 o'clock at Faneuil Hall, where they will be ready to receive any communications which you may favor them with.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 20th. 1814. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Webb, Austin & Williams.—

Proposals were received from Mr. David Greenough respecting the terms of purchase of part of the school house lot in West street; the same were considered & the Chairman was desired to communicate to him the conditions on the part of the board.—both papers are filed.—

[**238.**] The board came to the choice of a gentleman to deliver an oration the 4th. July next agreeably to the institution of the Town—and Benjamin Whitwell Esq. was unanimously chosen.—

Some disorderly conduct having been reported to the board, occasioned by a number of Spanish sailors & the sailors from the Constitution frigate assembling at West Boston—the Chairman was desired to address Capt. Stewart, to request him to order his men on board at sunset every evening, or to take such measures as he should think proper to prevent their disturbing the good order of the Town.—The Spanish Consul having stated to the board that he had cautioned the masters of the Spanish vessels in port respecting the conduct of their men.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 25. 1814. Present the whole Board except Mr. Oliver.

Passed upon Accounts.

Mr. Joseph H. Pierce appd. as Auctioneer.

[**239.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 27th. 1814. Present Messr. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Foster, Webb, Austin & Williams.—

Whereas a certain drain or common sewer leading from Newbury street to Orange street, and receiving the drains from Sheaffs lane & Common street was in the year 1812. opened & relaid according to law, and at great expence: and John Bellows, John T. Apthorp, Benjamin Rich, Winslow Lewis, Charles Barrett, Benja. Wiggen. have since that time entered their particular drains

into the same from their estates in Common street, whereby they receive benefit from said Common sewer, and the said persons having been duly notified, that the Selectmen would at this time proceed to ascertain & determine to each of said persons his proportionable part of the charge of repairing & relaying the same. We the subscribers, a major part of the Selectmen of the Town of Boston, after due enquiry, do determine that each of said persons who have received benefit from said common sewer should pay his proportionable part of the said charge as follows—viz.—

[240.] John Bellows, John T. Apthorp, Benj. Rich, Winslow Lewis, Charles Barrett, Benj^{a}. Wiggin, at 5.53 each.

And they are hereby desired to pay the same to M^{r}. Charles Roe—in behalf of the proprietors of said common sewer, and his receipt shall be a full discharge for the same.—

Finished the monthly draft of accounts.

4 Grand Jurors & 4 petit jurors were drawn for the U. S. Circuit Court.

On the representation of the proprietors on Central street it was determined that the horse carts stationed in that street should be directed to stand on the south side thereof during the summer season, under the directions of the police officers.

On an application from the inhabitants of South Boston, it was agreed that the engine formerly N°. 2, and now kept at the glass house, should be placed at the glass house in South Boston; M^{r}. Hunnewell was desired to consult with some of the applicants [241.] and to form a list of an engine company, to be laid before the board for their confirmation.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 4th. 1814. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Foster, Webb, Weld, Lovering, Austin & Williams.—

Warrant was signed for Town meeting for choice of Representatives.

M^{r}. Eliot to print notifications.—

Rev. M^{r}. Huntington to be requested to open the Meeting with prayer.

M^{r}. David Greenough appeared, and the following were proposed and agreed to, as the conditions on which he should purchase part of the land of the school house lot on West street.—That M^{r}. Greenough and his associates should build a brick

school-house 32 by 62 feet outside, and of the height of the Hawkins street school house; the front according to a plan proposed and approved by the board. that they finish the lower apartment suitably for a school, and finish the upper story plain, without benches or forms.—That the roof be slated,—the materials of the old school house to belong to [**242.**] M^r. Greenough, except the benches and forms, which will be wanted for a temporary school while the new one is building. That they give a bond to execute the work in two years & four months—and may have possession of the land immediately—but not to receive the deed until the school house shall be completed. The land to be conveyed is described on a plan, which is certified by the Chairman & M^r. Greenough & is on file.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 16th. 1814. Present Mess^r. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Foster, Weld, Lovering & Austin.—

On the application of M^r. Francis Amory, Messrs. Oliver & Foster were desired to view Hawley street and Hawley place, to consider whether any lamps should be put up there and in what situations.

M^r. B. Joy having stated that he was about to relay the side walk round his building, in Cornhill square, & that the paving was much out of repair—it was agreed that the same should be [**243.**] paved, the abutters to be notified to lay the foot walks.—

The Board now met the other members of the Trustees of Neck lands, on the petition of Deacon Field, referred to them by the Town.—the subject was considered, and Judge Dawes & M^r. Thacher were chosen to view Dea. Fields lot on the Neck previous to making up the report.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 18th. 1814. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Foster, Weld, Lovering, Austin & Williams.—

In pursuance of a precept from Hon. Judge of Probate inquisition was made into the circumstances of James Cole, and return was made to the Judge that he was a person, non compos mentis, and it was recommended that a guardian should be appointed for him.

M^r. Daniel Adams has liberty to make use of the land on the easterly side of Fort hill to bore a few logs.

Warrant was signed for Town Meeting for transacting the money concerns of the Town.

[244.] Recommendations were read from a number of very respectable citizens—of the ability and good character of Mr. Saml. Holmes; The Chairman stated from the great number of Spanish sailors now in town, and also the sailors from our own ships of war, it became necessary to employ at least one faithful man at West Boston, to preserve order; it was agreed to employ Mr. Samuel Holmes for this purpose, until further orders, & that he be allowed one dollar per day for his services.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 1st. 1814. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Foster, Weld, Lovering, Austin & Williams.

Passed the Quarterly & Monthly Accounts.

Mr. Nathaniel Brintnall was approved as an Auctioneer.—

An application for repairs of paving in Kilby street, and another for paving part of Battery March street, near Rowe's wharf, where both referred to Mr. Hunnewell.

[245.] Mr. Oliver was desired to direct some repairs on the unpaved part of Common street.—

Messrs. Weld & Foster a committee to see Stephen Higginson Esq. respecting a letter which he had received from the assignees of Lane, Frazer & Boylston, reported that it was advisable to consent to the proposals of the said assignees for the purpose of closing their concerns.—The Chairman was desired to prepare a letter to be signed by the board for this purpose.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 8th. 1814. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Hunnewell, Weld, Lovering, Austin & Williams.—

The Chairman reported a letter to the Assignees of Lane, Frazer & Boylston—which he had shown to Stephen Higginson Esq.—the same was approved and signed, & duplicates ordered.—

Mr. Nathl. Glover was chosen Measurer of Wood.—

6 Jurors were drawn to serve at the U. S. District Court.—

[246.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 15th. 1814. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Weld, Lovering & Austin.

Duplicates of the letter to the Assignees of Lane &c were signed—Also a Power of Attorney to Samuel Williams Esq. to receive from them all papers and monies in their hands.—

Mr. Francis Wilby was approved as an Auctioneer.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen at the Adjutant Generals Office in State House. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Weld, Lovering & Austin.—

The board met to confer with the Commissioners appointed by the Governour to direct suitable measures of defence, and in company with Brig. Genl. Wells.

The Brigr. Genl. having requested that a number of men should be ordered into service to guard the islands and exposed situations, inquiry was now made of the [**247.**] Commissioners if provision would be made for paying them, from the appropriation of money by the Legislature. The Commissioners were decided in opinion that the men to be called into service, must be victualed according to the provisions of the Militia law, by the Selectmen.—and their pay would be settled at a future meeting of the General Court, which had been the invariable practice.— The Board then informed the Brigr. Genl. that they would attend to any communications from him relative to provisions and camp equipage & adjourned.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 22d. 1814. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Weld, Lovering, Austin & Williams.—

32 Jurors were drawn for the Com. Pleas Court.

In pursuance of a precept received from Hon. Judge of Probate, inquisition was made into the circumstances of John Lamb, and return was made that he was a person non compos mentis, and recommending that a guardian should be appointed for him.

[**248.**] Adjourned to meet in Convention for choice of Town Treasurer & Collector.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 27th. 1814. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Hunnewell, Weld, Lovering & Austin.—

The Convention not having come to a choice of Treasurer at the last meeting—The Boards now met in Convention and completed their choice of Treasurer & Collector—after which the Convention being dissolved, the Selectmen—

Passed the Monthly Accounts.

A general sensation of alarm prevailing, respecting the designs of the ships of war, near our harbour, The Chairman & Mr. Weld were desired to confer with Com. Bainbridge upon the expediency

of sinking or preparing hulks to sink in the channel to prevent the approach of an enemy.—

[**249.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 29th. 1814. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Weld, Lovering, Austin & Williams.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to confer with Commodore Bainbridge respecting necessary measures of defence, reported that they had seen him and after conversing fully with him on the state of the harbour and fortifications, had agreed with him that it would be expedient to prepare some large hulks to be sunk in case of alarm in the narrow part of the channel between Castle Island and Governours Island.—The Committee had also a conference with the Commissioners appointed by the Governour to provide means of defence.—those Gentlemen had explained the state of the preparations which they had made—that artillery, ammunition, platforms for artillery use, boats, horses & drivers were ready at the shortest notice, and orders were given to ten companies of artillery in the neighbouring towns to proceed to Boston upon the first alarm.—[**250.**] with those men and the detachment now made from the Boston militia, who would be immediately trained in the use of heavy artillery, The Commissioners considered the Town in a proper state of defence against any force which might be expected to be brought against it.—But as it might tend to satisfy the feelings of the public, the Adjutant General was of opinion that hulks should be provided, but not on any account to be sunk, until the actual approach of an enemy.—This report being made, it was voted unanimously that Benjamin Weld Esq. be empowered to contract with the owners of three vessels of a suitable size, to be taken for the use of the Town, and to be moored afloat near Governours Island, to be sunk in the channel in case of necessity. and that the owners should be compensated at a fair appraisement for all injury or damage done to such vessel, or for their total loss in case they should be sunk for the public security.—

[**251.**] List of Innholders & retailers—examined and approved and certificate signed to the Court of Sessions.—

Ordered that the bells be rung for one half hour on Monday morning next, being the anniversary of the declaration of American Independence—to begin at 7 O'Clock.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 6th. 1814. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Foster, Weld, Lovering, Austin & Williams.—

2 Jurors were drawn for District Court.—

Application was received from Col. Osgood, commanding the detachment of Militia on the Common for the following articles—100 Kettles
200 pans
100 pint pots
32 Axes
32 Spades—for straw and wood according to law.—
Ordered the above articles be furnished, such as are on hand immediately, & that the others be procured as soon as possible—That the Chairman apply to [**252.**] Col Osgood for a receipt for what may be delivered, and he be informed that the board expect he will take measures for the preservation of the articles.—

An application was received from Stephen Codman Esq. Chairman of a Committee chosen by the Town to consider the expediency of commencing prosecution against the late Town Treasurer or his Bondsmen, for his delinquency in collecting taxes of several past years.—requesting information on the subject.—The Town Clerk was desired to furnish the Committee with the annual reports on the Town's money concerns for five years past—Also to deliver to M^r. Codman one of the Treasurer & Collectors bonds—and to obtain from the present Treasurer's office the folio book of abatements of the taxes of past years—these being all the documents in the power of the Selectmen.—

[**253.**] The following list of Auctioneers was approved. viz.

Francis Amory, James A. Allen, William Alline, Samuel L. Abbot, Samuel Blagge, Joseph Bumstead, Horatio Bass, James Bourguin, George Bond, Stephen Brown, George Burroughs Jr, Nathaniel Brintnall, Thomas Clark, Cornelius Coolidge, George G. Channing, Samuel F. Coolidge, Gilman Collamore, William Cochran, William Dehon, Jeremiah Draper, David M. Eaton, Charles Edwards, Richard Edwards, David Forsaith, William Gridley, William Gridley Jun., Caleb Hayward, Rich^d. H. Hough, Daniel Hersey, Charles Head, Thomas K. Jones, Abraham Jones, John Jutau, Phillip Marett, John Minchin, George Noble, Henry J. Oliver, Elisha Parks, Luther Parks, Asahel Plimpton, x Joseph Ripley, Jacob Rogers, W^m L Reaney, Frink Stratton, Benj^a. Tucker, John Tyler, Daniel Wild, Samuel Whitwell, George Wheeler, John Winslow Ju^r., Nathl. H. Whitaker, Francis Wilby, xx Henry White, x Joseph H. Pierce, xx John White.

[**254.**] The following persons were chosen Constables for one year, & their Bondsmen approved—viz.—

—Bondsmen.—

Thomas Stevenson - - - - Theo Stevenson Jr & Wm Stevenson
Henry Lane - - - - - - - - Caleb Whiting & Is^l. Munroe
Elisha Copeland - - - - - - John Perry & John Gibson

Moses Thayer - - - - - - - John Minchin & Ja^{s}. Liswell
Solomon Twist - - - - - - Wm Simonds & Amos Penniman
William Tupper - - - - - - John Gibson & John Howe
Benj^{a}. B. Leeds - - - - - - Jeremiah Gore & S. H. Babcock
Wm Brooks - - - - - - - - Moses Wallach & Lem^{l}. Babcock
James Perkins - - - - - - - James Williams & Henry Lane
William Dinsmore - - - - - Wm Cochran & D. S. Eaton
Jon^{a}. Prescott - - - - - - - John Barnard & Rob. Barber
Thomas Holden - - - - - - Silas Harvey & Jno. Williams
Wendell R. Barker - - - - Brad^{h}. Billings & P. Dickerman
Benj^{a}. C. Stevenson - - - - Shub^{l} Bell & Theo. Stevenson Jr.
David Rixford - - - - - - - W. P. Whiting & Thompson Miller
George Jackson - - - - - - Bob^{t}. New & Caleb Whiting
George Reed - - - - - - - - Peter Bicknall & Martin Burr
Benj^{a} Horton Jr - - - - - - Benj^{a}. Horton & Wm Lovering
Walter Crosby - - - - - - - Israel Munroe & Jno. French
Andrew Sanborn - - - - - - Horace Dupee & Ja^{s}. Burchstead

[**255.**] An application was received for a Town Meeting from a number of the militia now on duty,—praying for an additional compensation.—

The Board were unanimously of the opinion that it was not expedient to call such meeting at present.—

It was agreed that the sum of three hundred & seventy five dollars be appropriated for having Friend street, agreeably to the petition of the inhabitants thereof—and M^{r}. Hunnewell was desired to view the street in company with the abutters & agree with them relative to the side walks.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 13th. 1814. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Lovering, Austin & Williams.—

M^{r}. Jabez Wilson being recommended by the inhabitants of South Boston, was appointed a Constable for that District.—

M^{r}. Thomas Christie was chosen [**256.**] a measurer of wood on the Neck, to be associated with M^{r}. Glover.

A memorial was received from a number of persons against the practice of bathing at the bottom of the Common on Sunday's; it was ordered that the Constables forbid all persons from bathing in that place from the hour of nine in the morning to seven in the evening on Sundays, and in case they should persist in so doing—to complain of them to a magistrate for prosecution.—

A number of papers were handed to the Board from M^{r}. Weld, containing the results of his enquiries respecting hulks, and the expediency of preparing them—by which it appeared that a large

Committee of the Marine society, whom he had consulted, had given their opinion that such mode of defense was not to be recommended, as it involved a risk of material injury to the harbour.—The papers preserved on file for future reference.—

[**257.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 20th. 1814. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Hunnewell, Weld, Lovering, Austin & Williams.

Return was made by Mr. Caleb Wilson of the expense of repairing the drain in North Federal Court, the account whereof being duly examined by the Selectmen was by them allowed; they being informed at the same time that all persons concerned in said drain had been notified according to law & that no objection had been made—Assessment was now made, an order of payment was passed by the Selectmen as follows viz—Whereas a drain or common sewer has been laid in North Federal Court conformably to the directions of the Selectmen, the whole expence whereof amounts to sixteen dollars & fifty cents, which expence is to be born by such persons whose drains enter therein & receive benefit thereby—Wherefore We the Subscribers Selectmen of the said Town of Boston Certify that having considered the same expense & by whom & in what manner it ought to be paid *Do Adjudge* that the same be paid in the proportion [**258.**] following & by the persons hereafter named—viz.—

Seth Johnson, Luther Bixby, Eleazer Homer, Anthony Chapouil, Widow Derby, Dea. John Simkins Agent, at 2.80 each.

And We hereby empower Mr. Caleb Wilson to demand & receive the same and to give discharges therefor.—

Signed CHARLES BULFINCH, JONA. HUNNEWELL, BENJ. WELD, JOSEPH LOVERING, JOSEPH AUSTIN, ROBT. WILLIAMS } Selectmen of Boston.

Several of the abutters on Friend street having represented that they are unable to meet the expence of paving the foot walk in front of their estates, as they have been notified to do—*Voted*, that the Chairman inform Mr. Farnum & the applicants for paving that street—that the board will [**259.**] not consider it expedient at the present time to enforce the laying of the side walk of such abutters. But expect that the street shall be completed with one side walk on the south side thereof—and that the Town shall be at no other expence than the sum appropriated of 375 dollars.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 25th. 1814. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Hunnewell, Weld, Lovering, Austin & Williams.—

Passed the Monthly Accounts.—

Mr. Farnum appeared in behalf of the inhabitants of Friend street, who applied for the paving of that street; the subject of the objections to laying the side walks from several of the abutters was considered;—and it was agreed that Mr. Farnum would take upon himself the expence of that part of the side walk which came upon Mrs. Rogers' front, and would also pay towards the cost of Richardson's side walk the amount of the bills that would exceed Thirty dollars.—

[**260.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt 3d. 1814—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Weld, Lovering, Austin & Williams.

On the application of Mr. George W. Eustis, of Newton a representation was signed to the Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk—That Moses Eustis of this Town, housewright, was an intemperate person, & in danger of wasting his property and becoming a public charge;—and therefore praying that inquiry might be made, and a guardian appointed for him if the complaint should appear well founded—

A recommendation was signed, in behalf of Mr. William Clouston, to enable him to have a female minor bound to him.

A letter was received from Mr Minot, Clerk of the Mill Pond Corporation—in which they propose to build a bridge 40 feet wide across the canal, in the direction of Cross street—and propose that it [**261.**] should be done at the joint expense of the Town & Corporation.—The Chairman was desired to reply that the Board did not think it expedient to put the Town to any expence for that object at present.—

An application was received from the officers of the Company of New England Guards—and from the officers of a new raised company of Sea Fencibles, requesting that a piece of ground, south of the Gun house on the Common might be appropriated to them to build a new Gun house upon, at the expense of the State. —Several of the officers were present, and other situations were proposed, which were not considered by them suitable for the purpose.—It was agreed that Mr. Hunnewell should be a Committee to select a spot of ground for the purpose, south of the present Gun house; on condition that the building that should be placed there, should remain during the continuance of the war, and to be removed in ninety days after its termination, free from any expence to the Town.

[**262.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 17th. 1814. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Weld, Austin & Williams.—

Return was made by M^r. Jeremiah Bumstead Junr. of the expense of repairing a Drain in a passageway leading South from Milk street, the account whereof being duly examined by the Selectmen was by them allowed; they being informed at the same time that all persons concerned in said drain had been notified according to law, and that no objection had been made. Assessment was now made an order of payment was passed by the Selectmen as follows, viz. Whereas a drain or common sewer has been laid in a passageway leading South from Milk Street conformably to the directions of the Selectmen, the whole expence whereof amounts to fifty dollars & fifty cents, which expence is to be borne by such persons whose drains enter therein and receive benefit thereby—Wherefore We the Subscribers, Selectmen of the said Town of Boston Certify that [**263.**] having considered the said expence and by whom and in what manner it ought to be paid *Do Adjudge* that the same be paid in the proportion following and by the persons hereafter named—viz.

Jeremiah Bumstead J^r. - - - - - - - - - 12.62½
Joseph Coolidge Esq - - - - - - - - - - 12.62½
William Payne Esq - - - - - - - - - - 12.62½
Caleb Hiorns - - - - - - - - - - - - 12.62½

And We hereby authorize Mr Jeremiah Bumstead Junr to demand and receive the same & to give discharges therefor.

Signed CHARLES BULFINCH, EBEN^R. OLIVER, BENJ. WELD, JOSEPH AUSTIN, ROB. WILLIAMS } Selectmen of Boston.

The Chairman reported that he had examined the accounts of the hay weigher to 1st. July last—that they were correct, and that a balance of $77.28 was due to the Town.—the report was accepted and an order passed that the Treasurer should receive the balance & give receipt in full to 1st. July.—

[**264.**] The accounts of the Clerk of the market to May 1st. were reported and approved, the balance of $228.76 having been paid by him to the Town Treasurer as by receipt from him.

The following rules and orders for the regulation of the stands of Wood & Hay were adopted by the board and ordered to be printed as the law directs.—

Rules and Orders.—

are established for the regulation of Carts and other Carriages with Hay; and also Carts and other Carriages with Wood, brought by land, for sale, into this Town.—

From and after Thursday the first day of September next, all waggons, carts & sleds with Hay or Straw for sale, shall stand

in Charles street, in one line on the northerly side of said street; beginning at the easterly end thereof, by the hay scales, and to extend as far westerly as should be found necessary to accommodate the numbers.

From and after Thursday the first day of September next, waggons, carts [**265.**] and sleds, with wood for sale, shall stand in Common street; from the burying ground gate southerly, as far as shall be found necessary to accommodate the numbers; and they shall stand in one line along the westerly side of the street, leaving the entrance to Park street and the foot passages into the Mall clear and unincumbered.—

One row of such Waggons, Carts & Sleds with Wood shall be allowed to stand on the westerly side of the new Street over the mill-pond, called Merrimack Street, leading from the cause-way to Union street, in such a manner, as to leave the passages to said street free and unincumbered.—

And one row of such Waggons, Carts and sleds with wood shall be allowed to stand on the easterly side of the Street over the Mill-pond, called Pond Street, leading from Charles River Bridge to Hanover street, in such manner as to leave the passages to said street free & unincumbered.

It is hereby ordered, in pursuance of the authority above named, that if any person shall offend against either of the above rules & orders, by standing with his [**266.**] Waggon, Cart or sled with Hay, Straw, or Wood for sale in any other place in the Town of Boston, than those above described, such person so offending, shall forfeit & pay the sum of *Five dollars*, upon conviction of every such breach of said rules & orders.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 29th. 1814—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Weld, Lovering & Williams.—

Return was made by Mr. Noah Lincoln of the expence of repairing the drain in Robinsons Alley, the account whereof being duly examined by the Selectmen was by them allowed, they being informed at the same time that all persons concerned in said drain had been notified according to law, and that no objection had been made.—

Assessment was now made, an order of payment was passed by the Selectmen as follows, viz.—Whereas a drain or Common Sewer has been laid in Robinsons Alley conformably to the directions [**267.**] of the Selectmen, the whole expence whereof amounts to eleven dollars, which expence is to be borne by such persons whose drains enter therein & receive benefit thereby—Wherefore We the Subscribers Selectmen of the said Town of

Boston Certify that having considered the same expense and by whom and in what [manner] it ought to be paid *Do Adjudge* that the same be paid in the proportion following and by the persons hereafter named.—viz.—

	Cts.		Cts.
Robert Gillespie - - - - - -	70	Moses Grant - - - - - - - -	70
John Day Howard - - - - -	70	Negres Violet - - - - - - -	70
Seth Lathrop - - - - - - -	70	Jacob Hyler - - - - - - - -	70
Josiah Snelling - - - - - -	70	William Collier - - - - - -	70
Estate of Jas. Harrison - -	70	Jas. Williams - - - - - - -	70
Thos. Lambord - - - - - -	70	Joseph Batson - - - - - - -	70
Noah Lincoln - - - - - - -	70	Hannah Cartwright - - - -	70
Abigail Larabee - - - - - -	70	John Jackson - - - - - - -	70

And we hereby empower Mr. Noah Lincoln to demand & receive the same & to give discharges therefor.

Signed

CHS. BULFINCH
EBER. OLIVER
JONA. HUNNEWELL
BENJ. WELD
JOSEPH LOVERING
ROB. WILLIAMS

} Selectmen of Boston.

[**268.**] The following proceedings of the Board on the 24th. Inst. should have been recorded at that date.—viz.—

A Petition was presented, signed by a number of the Inhabitants, requesting that a Town Meeting should be called forthwith, to take into consideration the expediency of providing for the immediate defence of the Town & harbour.—

The subject having been considered, it was Voted, that we do not think it expedient to call a Meeting of the Town for the purposes expressed in the Petition; and Ordered that the following reasons of our opinions be entered on the records of the Board, viz.

In the present unhappy circumstances of our country, the Selectmen of the Town of Boston, feel the fullest confidence in the wisdom, patriotism and prudence of his Excellency the Commander in Chief, and in the watchful care & attention of the Commissioners appointed by him, for the defence of the State.—

Especially we are sensible of the correctness of their views in the dispositions [**269.**] made for the defence of this Town; which have been communicated to the Board by said Commissioners in several conferences with them, and in their letter to the Board of the 30th. June last; under this conviction we feel it our duty to rely, with perfect confidence, on our Rulers; and not, by calling a meeting of the inhabitants, to excite alarm; and in the presence of the Governor and Council, and of the Commissioners of known military experience, to interfere with their duties, or imply any doubt of the wisdom of their measures —

Passed the Accounts.—

Some Gentlemen appeared to state that in consequence of the refusal of the Board to call a Town meeting, they had applied to a Justice of Peace for a warrant for that purpose, on which they intended to proceed; and wished to read the application and the names of the subscribers.—They were informed that the board did not wish to hear the papers read, being satisfied with their late proceedings, but that the Gentlemen had an undoubted right to proceed.—They having [**270.**] retired, Voted, That the reasons on record for declining to call a meeting be printed tomorrow.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen September 7th. 1814. Present Mess Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Weld, Lovering & Austin.—

Mr. Young (Printer) made complaint against the Stable lately built by Mr. Bancroft, that he used it as a Livery Stable. and a large door on Oliver street made it very injurious to his houses opposite: he stated that he did not object to his keeping his own horses there, but to the number that were taken at livery.—It was directed that Mr. Bancroft be notified of his complaint and informed that unless the doors on Oliver Street were bricked up he would not have license, but would be subject to be prosecuted.—

A letter was received from the Commissioners of Sea Coast defence, appointed for that purpose by the Governour, requesting the opinion of the board on the expediency of sinking hulks in the Channel.—The [**271.**] Chairman was desired to communicate the proceedings of the board on that subject, with an abstract of the opinions of the Marine society which they gave at request of the board.—

Mr. Thomas Christy chosen a measurer of wood, coming into Town over the Neck.—

Voted to attend daily, during the present state of alarm at the Selectmen's room from 12 to 1 o'Clock to receive communications and concur in measures of defence.—

A letter was received from the Commissioners requesting that preparatory measures should be taken to destroy parts of the Bridges connected with the Town, in case of the actual approach of an enemy.—after consideration—Voted, That two engine companies be assigned to each bridge and that the fire wards be desired to appoint from their body two gentlemen to have the direction & superintendent of operations.—and that they report to the board as soon as possible.—

The Commissioners having also requested the board to receive such donations as shall be made by the inhabitants—Voted that

Messrs. Bulfinch & Weld be a Committee to pre-[272.]pare an address for publication on this subject. Messr. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Foster, Weld, Lovering & Austin were present at this Meeting.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen September 19th. 1814. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Foster, Weld, Lovering, Austin & Williams.

The Secretary of the Firewards reported that they had selected two gentlemen to direct the operations at each bridge as was requested of them.—The arrangement is as follows.

Engine Company No. 2 & 3.—Charles River Bridge under direction Messrs. Benjamin Smith and John Winslow Junr.

Engine Co. No. 10 & 13 Canal Bridge—Messrs. A. Cunningham & Stephen Codman.

No. 4 & 6. West Boston Bridge—Messrs. Francis J. Oliver & Joseph Tilden.—

No. 8 & 12. South Bridge—Messrs. James Phillips & Nathaniel Curtis.—

The Chairman to communicate the above to the Commissioners and to inform them [273.] that we have proceeded as far as we conceive our powers to extend;—and that with respect to the bridges at Chelsea, Malden & Brighton, the Commissioners will take such other measures as they shall deem expedient.—

The Committee reported the following address soliciting donations in money.—the same was approved and directed to be printed.—

Patriotic Donations.—

Whereas the Hon. "Commissioners, appointed by his Excellency for Seacoast Defence," have informed the Selectmen of the Town of Boston, that the duties of that Board rendered it altogether inadmissible with them to receive the voluntary donations of money which the patriotism of individuals might offer, the Selectmen, having been invited by the said Commissioners to undertake this charge—Now Give Notice,—
That a Committee, consisting of two of the Selectmen, will attend every day, from 12 to 1 O'Clock, at Faneuil Hall, for the purpose of conferring with the Committees, chosen in the Wards to collect Donations of money, and to receive from them such sums as [274.] they shall collect, and also all other sums which may be offered by individuals, the amount of which will be paid daily

to the Town Treasurer; to be deposited with him, and specially appropriated for the purpose of the defence of the town and its vicinity.

The Selectmen of Boston would on this occasion, impress upon their fellow citizens of this town, and of the towns in the interior of the Commonwealth, the importance of timely exertions, to place the seacoast and the approaches to the Capital in such a posture of security, as would inspire confidence in men who are called from their homes to defend our shores. For this purpose, great expenses will undoubtedly be incurred, and the exertions of individuals will be necessary to assist the Government of the state upon whose protecting arm, under Divine Providence we wholly depend.—All contributions from Towns, from patriotic associations or from individuals, will be received and applied to defend the Capital and its immediate vicinity; in the safety and prosperity of which, the interior of the Commonwealth is essentially concerned. By order of the Selectmen.—

CHARLES BULFINCH, BENJ^A. WELD, Committee of the Board.

[**275.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen September 21st. 1814. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Foster, Weld, Lovering, Austin & Williams.

The following notification for assembling the inhabitants in ward Meetings was ordered to be printed in all the papers tomorrow.

Work on the Fortifications

Notice to the several Wards of the Town.—

Notice is hereby given to the inhabitants of the several Wards of the Town of Boston to assemble in their respective places in which they usually meet for the choice of Assistant Assessors and Members of the Board of Health, this afternoon at four o'clock, to make lists of those citizens who are willing to volunteer their services for one day's work on the fortifications; and appoint Committees to carry this object into effect.—The lists when completed are to be handed to the Selectmen, who will call out the Wards in rotation as they are wanted. The Selectmen hope and expect a prompt and universal attention [**276.**] to this all important object, without any exception of those who have heretofore volunteered their services.—The inhabitants are also notified to choose at said meeting a Committee in each ward to solicit donations in money, and the Clerks of the several Wards are requested to preside at the meeting.—

By order,

CHARLES BULFINCH,
Chairman.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen September 26th. 1814. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Foster, Lovering, Austin & Williams.

Passed the monthly Accounts.

Mr. Mitchell Lincoln was chosen a constable for one year, to serve as a depy Collector of Taxes under the direction of the Treasurer & Collector.—From this period the board assembled daily at 12. o'Clock to organize the voluntary offers of labour for erecting fortifications & to receive donations from the wards.

[277.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 13th. 1814—Present a Majority of the Board.—

A statement having been made from the superintendent of Fort Strong that further assistance was necessary to complete that work—the following address was ordered to be inserted in the papers.—

Public Defence

The Selectmen of Boston, take this public opportunity of expressing their grateful acknowledgments to all those persons, who have given their voluntary assistance in labor, on the several works now erecting for the defence of this Town & harbour.—the positions for these works have been selected, and the plans of them adopted, by the ablest engineers: By spirited exertions of the citizens, the fortifications are in a state of great forwardness, and a continuance of the same patriotic efforts would complete them in a short time.—The numerous and hardy yeomanry from the country are desired to continue their services at South Boston, and on the Dorchester shore; and the inhabitants of Boston are [278.] again invited to take one more tour of duty to put the finishing hand to Fort Strong.

It was expected that this Fortress would have been completed in the past week, but the great extent of the fort and batteries, rendered it impossible.—The Selectmen, therefore, at the special desire of the Commissioners for Defence, and Superintendent of that work, propose that the inhabitants should devote one day more, in wards, to complete it before the season is further advanced. They have adopted the following arrangement, and request the Committees in the several wards to aid them in carrying it into effect.

(Wards N°. 1. 2. 3 & 4 having done duty—)

N° 5 & 6 on Saturday the 15th.—

N°. 7 & 8 on Sunday the 16th. with such others at large as may incline to join them.—

N°. 9 & 10 on Monday the 17th.

N°. 11 & 12 on Tuesday the 18th.—

By order of the Selectmen.

CHARLES BULFINCH, Chairman.—

[279.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 17th. 1814. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Foster, Webb, Lovering, Austin & Williams.—

32 Jurors were drawn for the Court of Com. Pleas.

Mr. Samuel Phillips' Account as hay weigher for one quarter to the 1st. instant was exhibited--The Chairman stated that he had examined the account & vouchers & found it correct—The Gross amount for weighing was $365\frac{14}{100}$—balance due to the Town 113 $^{4}/_{100}$. the same was accepted & ordered that the Treasurer receive & give discharge for the balance.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 31st. 1814. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Foster, Webb & Williams.—

Passed the Monthly Accounts.—

Mr. Charles Willis Junr. having been well recommended was approved as an Auctioneer.

Warrant was signed for Town meeting for choice of Member of Congress.—Dr. Lathrop to be requested to open the meeting with Prayer.

[280.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen November 3d. 1814—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Foster, Webb, Austin & Williams.

Grand Jurors & Traverse Jurors for Supreme Judicial Court were drawn, agreeably to precept from Clerk of that Court.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen November 10th. 1814. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Hunnewell, Foster, Lovering & Austin.—

The Chairman communicated a letter which he had received from the Secretary of the Board of War, which was as follows—Board of War—Boston Nov. 9th. 1814. Voted that the Auditor of this board be directed to apply to the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Boston for the subscriptions that the inhabitants have patriotically made towards the erecting fortifications for the harbour of Boston and its vicinity; in order to pay the bills that are now coming in for labor and disbursements on the several forts and works, recently erected; and that he give his receipt for the same.—

[281.] Voted, that an account be opened, for this special purpose in the books of this office of the expenditure of the

monies aforesaid, that the authorities of the Town may see that the subscriptions have been properly appropriated & accounted for.—And that a copy of these votes be transmitted to the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, to be entered on their journals.

(Signed) By order of the Board of War
JOSEPH H. PIERCE, Secretary

In consequence of the above the Selectmen directed the Chairman to inform the hon. Board of War of the amount subscribed and that it was ready for their order.—

Voted. that the Town Treasurer be desired to convert all the foreign money, which has been paid him in subscriptions into Boston money, as soon as possible & to charge the discount to the fund, and that he pay the whole amount subscribed to the orders of Benjamin Weld Esq. Auditor of the Board of War.—

Voted that a particular statement of the sums subscribed in the wards be entered on the minutes of this board to preserve the memory of the honourable & patriotic exertions voluntarily made to assist the government of the State in [**282.**] providing means of defence.—

Account of the sums received from Subscriptions in money, for erecting fortifications in the harbour of Boston:—the same being distinct from the agreement of the inhabitants in the several wards to perform personal labour on the works.—

From Ward N° 3 of	B T. Wells	16.75	
	John Wells	128.79	
	Ditto	13.	
			158.54
from Ward N° 4 of	J. Howe	10.	
	T. Kidder	20.	
	Tho. D. Bradlee	390.	
			420.—
from Ward N° 5 of	J. Coolidge Jur		403.—
from Ward N° 6 of	Charles Walley	100.	
	John Kuhn	23.75	
	John Mackay	132.—	
			255.75
from Ward N° 7 of	Wm Sullivan Esq		2933.—
from Ward N° 8 of	Jacob Canterbury	10—	
	Beza Tucker	34.51	
	Frances Welsh	345.25	
	M. Thayer	575.25	
	Doyle Benefit	43.56	
			1008.57

from Ward N°. 9 of Committee - - - - - - - -		1520.62
from Ward N° 10 of E. T. Andrews - - -	675.	
D°. - - - - -	557	
Benefit at Theatre - -	60	
	——	1292.—
from Ward N° 11 of J. Callender - - - - - - - -		800.—
from Ward N° 12 of Joshua Davis - - - - - - - -		828.—
of M^r. Gibbs of Salem - - - - - - - - - -		10.—
		$9629.48

[**283.**] The following sums having been afterwards received from the Committees should be added to the C^r. of the respective wards.

from Ward N° 9. of J. Callender - - - - - - - -		264.—
from Ward N° 7 of W. Sullivan - - - - - - - - -		387.—
from Ward N° 10 of E. T. Andrews - - - - - - -		872.75

The amount received in full is as follows.

from Ward N° 3 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -			158.54
Ward - 4 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -			420.—
Ward - 5 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -			403.—
Ward - 6 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -			255.75
Ward - 7 -	before entered - - -	2933.—	
	as above - - - - -	387.—	
		——	3320.—
Ward - 8 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -			1008.57
Ward - 9 -	before entered - - -	1520.62	
	as above - - - - -	264.—	
		——	1784.62
Ward - 10 -	before entered - - -	1292.—	
	as above - - - - -	873.75	
		——	2165.75
Ward - 11 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -			800.—
Ward - 12 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -			828.—

[**284.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen November 27th. 1814. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Webb, Lovering, Austin & Williams.—

6 Jurors were drawn for the District Court of the United States.—

The Quarterly accounts were passed.—

An extract of a Letter from M^r. Ward in Congress was handed to the Board by William Sullivan Esq., in which M^r. Ward

requests information relative to the valuation of the County of Suffolk.—which being considered—Voted, That Benjamin Pollard Esq., Clerk of the house of Representatives, be requested to call upon Charles Davis Esq one of the Committee of valuation and with him to make a statement of the valuation, both of the personal & real property in the several counties, which may enable our representative in Congress to have justice done to the County of Suffolk, in the apportionment of the direct tax.—

[**285.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen December 7th. 1814. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Foster, Webb, Lovering, Austin & Williams.

An Indenture of two parts was signed conveying to Samuel Clarke a small strip of land, west of his estate in School street, in exchange for a small piece from the north end of his land to widen the area in front of the east wing of the Court House.—

Peter O. Thacher Esq. being present, informed the board that he has obtained judgment & execution in the suit against John Brazer Esq., that he had informed him thereof & that Mr. Brazer had tendered certain real estate in satisfaction of the same.—

Mr. Thacher & the deputy sheriff who held the execution were desired to take immediate measures for obtaining an appraisement of the real estate according to law; and to inform the Chairman what steps should be taken by the Selectmen, who was desired to summon a meeting of the Board to attend to the business, whenever the papers & other arrangements should be ready for completing the same.—

[**286.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen December 13th. 1814.—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Hunnewell, Foster, Lovering & Austin.—

6 Grand Jurors & 6 Petit Jurors were drawn for Circuit Court.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen December 14th. 1814.—Present the Whole Board except Mr. Weld.

32 Jurors were drawn to serve at the Court of Common Pleas.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen December 26th. 1814—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Foster, Webb, Lovering, Austin & Williams.—

Passed the Monthly Accounts.

6 Jurors were drawn for Supreme Judl. Court.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 28. 1814. Present the whole Board.—

Closed the Accounts.

Approval of M^r. Charles Nolen as an Auctioneer.

[287.] A conference was held with the several wood measurers, and the Chairman was desired to publish for public information the orders which had been given to the measurers, and the cautions necessary to be observed by the inhabitants in purchasing this article.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 7th. 1815. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Foster, Webb, Austin & Lovering.

6 Jurors were drawn for Supreme J. Court.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 11th. 1815. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Foster, Weld, Lovering, Austin & Williams.

[288.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 18th 1815. Present Messrs Bulfinch, Oliver, Foster, Webb, Lovering & Austin.—

The Accounts of M^r. Phillips, hay weigher, were reported by the Chairman, who had examined the vouchers & found them correct:—the balance due to the Town for the quarter ending January 1st was $104.55.—

Joseph Hollis was approved as an Auctioneer.

M^r. Foster was desired to employ some person to put grates in part of the sink in Federal street.

Peter O. Thacher Esq. having informed the board that M^r. Brazer was desirous of removing the incumbrance on his property lately set off by execution—& to give other security for the amount—Messrs. Oliver, Hunnewell & Foster were appointed a committee to receive proposals—& empowered to adopt such arrangements on the subject as they should think most for the interest of the Town.

[289.] Boston ss. At a Special Meeting of the Selectmen January 20th. 1815. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Foster, Lovering, Austin & Williams.—

8 Jurors were drawn for Sup. J. Court.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen February 1st. 1815. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Webb, Weld, Lovering & Austin.

Passed the Monthly Accounts.

The Chairman was desired to inform the Assessors that the law required of them to furnish lists of voters, both for Town officers & for Governour & Senators by the first day of March next.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen February 8th. 1815—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Webb, Lovering & Austin.

Mr. Brazer having made an arrangement [**290.**] with Mr. Edward Tuckerman Junr. to pay to the Treasurer the amount of the execution levied on his house & store in Dock Square.—a release of said property was signed & delivered to P. O. Thacher Esq. to be held by him until the business should be completed, & then to be delivered to Mr. Brazer.

Applications for reduction of rent were received from the Commercial Insurance Company & from Mr. Floyd & Mr. Siders, all occupying rooms in old State House—the same were Committed to Messrs. Oliver & Lovering to consider & report.—

Whereas a certain drain or common sewer leading from Hawley street to Federal street, through the street on the north side of Franklin place has been laid according to law, in pursuance of consent obtained from the Selectmen, & at the sole expense of Mr. Francis Amory of Boston, merchant, amounting, as by accounts presented and approved, to the sum of twelve hundred & fifty dollars. And Whereas Mr. Gottlieb Graupner and Mr. Elisha Ticknor have already entered their particular drains into said common sewer, & [**291.**] it is probable that a number of other persons, proprietors of houses adjacent will also wish to connect their particular drains therewith: The Selectmen of the Town of Boston having considered the expence already incurred by Mr. Amory aforesaid, and having examined by a special Committee the situation of the premises, have proceeded to ascertain and determine to each of said persons who have already entered said drain, his proportionable part of the charge of laying the same; and also what sum should be paid by each & every person who shall in future connect or enter his drain into said common sewer.—Therefore We the Subscribers major part of the Selectmen of the Town of Boston do determine that each of said persons who have or may in future receive benefit therefrom shall pay his proportionable part of said expence, to be estimated as follows:—

The whole expence being as P^r^. Accounts - - - - - - $1250—
deduct the branch laid to M^r^. Graupners house being
the cost agreed upon by him - - - - - - - - - - - - 90—

$1160—

The said common sewer having been laid at an unusual depth and size for the [**292.**] special accommodation of Mr Amorys buildings it is judged equitable to charge him one half thereof $580—and the number of buildings which will probably receive benefit therefrom being seventeen—viz.—

Those of Francis Amory - - -	5		
E. Ticknor - - - - -	1		
G. Graupner - - - -	1		
— Everett - - - - -	1		
D^r^. Jeffries - - - - -	1		
The houses on the north side			
of Franklin place - - - - - - -	8	17 Shares $35 - - -	$595

It is hereby determined that Messrs. Elisha Ticknor & Gottlieb Graupner shall each of them pay the sum of thirty five dollars in full consideration for the benefit and advantage derived to each of them from said common sewer; and also that each person who shall hereafter enter his private drain therein shall pay the like sum of thirty five dollars, until the said Amory or his successors or assigns shall have received the full sum of six hundred dollars with interest; after which said common sewer shall become the joint property of all those who shall then be connected therewith.—

And we hereby authorize and empower said Francis Amory or his assigns to [**293.**] demand & receive the amounts above awarded from each & every person who already has or may hereafter lead his private drain into said common sewer as above specified.—

Witness our hands at Boston this eighth day of February A.D. 1815.—

CH^s^. BULFINCH
EBEN OLIVER
N. WEBB
JOS. LOVERING
JOS. AUSTIN

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen February 15th. 1815. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Foster, Webb, Weld, Lovering & Austin.

The joyful news of Peace having arrived, the attention of the board was occupied in making arrangements, in conjunction with a Committee from the Legislature now in session for suitable demonstrations of the public joy.—It was agreed that on the

twenty second instant, if the ratification should arrive before that time; the bells should be rung one hour in the morning, and after a religious service ordered by the Legislature.—All classes of citizens should be invited to form a grand civil procession.—
[**294.**] and for the more convenient organizing the procession. —that the government of the Washington Benevolent Society & also that of the Mechanic Association should be desired to take measures in conjunction.—That all the public buildings of the Town & County should be illuminated, and that the proprietors of all the places of worship be also invited to illuminate them.

After the Committee of the Legislature had retired, it was voted, that a dinner should be prepared at Exchange Coffee house at which, The Governor, Council, Senate & Representatives of Boston, The Judges, Clergy, principal military & naval officers & strangers of distinction should be invited.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feb. 27. 1815.— Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Hunnewell, Webb, Lovering & Austin.

Passed the Monthly Accounts.—

It is thought proper here to record, that arrangements proposed on the 15th instant were carried into complete effect on 22^{d}. excepting the illuminating of the places of public worship, which was dispensed with, as being considered hazardous.—The performances were gratifying & the day and evening passed in the utmost good order & harmony, suitable to the joyful occasion.—

[**295.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 1st. 1815—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Foster, Webb, Lovering, Austin & Williams.

23 Grand Jurors & 30 traverse Jurors were drawn to serve at the Supreme Judicial Court.—

A Deed was signed, conveying a piece of land ten feet wide to Deacon Joseph Field, adjoining his land on the Neck agreeably to the vote of the town.

Warrant was signed for Town Meeting on the 13th. instant for choice of Town Officers. M^{r}. Eliot to print the notifications.—

M^{r}. Austin to request D^{r}. Baldwin to open the meeting with prayer.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 8th. 1815— Present, the whole Board.

Six Jurors were drawn for the District Court of the United States.—

[296.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 17th. 1815. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Foster, Weld, Austin, Williams & Hartt.—

The Oath of Office was administered to Mr. Edmund Hartt, one of the Selectmen for the present year, by the Town Clerk.

Warrant was signed for Town Meeting for choice of Governour, Lieut. Governour & Senators.—

Mr. Eliot to print Notifications, & Mr. Channing be requested to open the meeting with prayer.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 22d. 1815. Present, the whole Board.

The Board came to the choice of a Chairman; the votes being taken by ballot—Charles Bulfinch Esq. was unanimously chosen.

Mr. Samuel Phillips was chosen Hay weigher—The Town Clerk to prepare a new bond as last year.—

Mr. Nathl. Merriam was chosen Clerk of the Market.—

[297.] It was voted to choose only one sealer of weights & measures for the present, And Mr. Richard Austin was unanimously chosen.

Messrs. Lemuel Capen & Caleb Loring Junr. were chosen sealers of lighters bringing sand, gravel & stones.

Voted, That the compensation to the Superintendent of Police be the same as in the year past.—

Votes being taken for a Superintendent of Police, Charles Bulfinch Esq. was declared to be chosen.—

Thomas Battelle & William Barker having applied and being well recommended, were appointed Auctioneers.—The Town Clerk to give each of them a certificate.

David Sears Esq. being about to take down the wooden building opposite his dwelling house in Beacon street, & to erect two brick houses on the lot, made application to know what part of the land would be wanted to widen that street.—The plans were delivered to Mr. Hunnewell to view and report.

[298.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 29th. 1815. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Weld, Lovering, Austin & Hartt.—

Passed the Monthly Accounts.—

The Board came to the choice of a gentleman to deliver an oration before the Town on the 4th day of July next—and Lemuel Shaw Esq. was unanimously chosen.—

The Chairman was desired to notify Mr. Shaw of his appointment.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 11th. 1815—Present the whole Board.—

Messrs. Dupee & Badger having applied for license to use their stable as a livery stable—examination was made, & it being found that the stable was situated back of their houses in Distill house square, and open to the vacant land in the mill pond, it was voted that the said stable should be licensed and approved for the purpose requested.

[**299.**] Messrs. David Marston and Harvey Nolen were approved as Auctioneers.—each to have a certificate.—

An application was received, signed by all the members of the Town Watch, praying for an increase of wages—the same having been considered—Voted that it was not expedient to make any alteration in their pay.—and that if any persons should withdraw from the watch, Mr. Brewer should propose names of others to fill the vacancies—to be approved by the board.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 19th. 1815. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Hunnewell, Weld, Lovering, Austin & Hartt.—

32 Jurors were drawn for the Court of Com. Pleas.

Mr. Frederick W. Ingraham was approved as an Auctioneer.

On the application of Mr. Veazie, Voted to approve of his building a bakers oven at the house, corner of North Federal Court—if the Firewards have no objection.—

[**300.**] An application from the deputy Collectors for further compensation for collecting the tax of 1813, was read & the consideration thereof was referred to the Committee of finance.

An application was received from John W. Folsom Esq. requesting a license for selling spirituous liquors at a shop under his office in George Street: the same was considered & Voted unanimously in the negative.

. Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 26th. 1815.—Present the whole Board.—

4 Grand & 4 Petit Jurors were drawn for the Circuit Court of United States.—

The monthly accounts were passed.

Mr. David Greenough made a proposal to exchange the lot of land on which the schoolhouse stands in West street for a piece of land on Mason street—to build the new school house thereon.

Mr. Saunders applied for license to sell spirits at his shop in Grove Street—recommended by Hon. H. G. Otis & others.—the same was considered & Voted unanimously in the negative.—

[**301.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 3d. 1815—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Foster, Weld, Lovering, Austin, Williams & Hartt.—

Mr. William Tucker, having been well recommended, was approved as an Auctioneer.—

It was agreed that liberty be granted to the Artillery company on Fort Hill, to level the land in front of their gun house.—Mr. Nathl. Brewer to superintend the digging, under the directions of Messrs. Hunnewell & Williams.—

The Town Treasurer attended, and made a statement of several outstanding orders on old drafts of former years, which had not been claimed; and requested that measures should be taken to cancel them, for his convenience in keeping his books—upon consideration it was agreed to pass an order for the Treasurer to receive said sums and credit the Town with them.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 10th. 1815.—Present—the whole Board.—

Warrant was signed for Town meeting, for choice of Representatives on the 18th—instant—Rev. Dr. Gardiner to be requested to open the meeting with prayer.—

[**302.**] The Town Clerk made return of the amount of fees for Auction licenses, received by him and paid into the Treasury being one hundred and twenty six dollars.—

The Town Treasurer was present and requested that an order should [be] passed in favour of Josiah Bradlee for the cost of the oil supplied for the present season, to enable him to close his books before the May meeting—ordered that a draft on the books

be made for the amount, being eight thousand three hundred and forty-six dollars sixty-two cents.

The Proprietors & abutters on Bread & Well streets made a statement of the state of those streets, that being very flat and not paved, they were extremely muddy, and could not be kept in order, although they had been spread with gravel during the past season: they stated that they had made estimates that the whole cost of paving them would be $570—of which they would pay one half provided the Town would pay the remainder.—The subject having been considered, it was agreed, to pay two hundred and eighty-five dollars, upon Bread & Well streets being completely paved, to the satisfaction of the board.—

Proposals were received on the 8th instant from Wm. Sullivan Esq. to purchase the land in front of the new Court House on the east side of the opening.—and an offer made of one thousand pounds; the same was considered and it was agreed to take $3500—for said land reserving a piece of 20 feet square on School street for an Engine house. [For the transaction of the board on this subject see the last page.]

[**303.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 17th. 1815—Present—The whole Board.—

Mr. Stephen Thayer was approved as an Auctioneer.—

Messrs. Austin & Hartt were desired to direct the necessary repairs on the head of the dock, bottom of North Street.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 18th. 1815—Present—The whole Board.—

Warrant was signed for Town Meeting the 29th. instant.—

Return was made by Mr. Thomas Foster of the expence of repairing the drain in White Bread Alley, the account whereof being duly examined by the Selectmen was by them allowed; they being informed at the same time that all persons concerned in said drain had been notified according to law & that no objection had been made—Assessment was now made, an order of payment was passed by the Selectmen as follows viz.

Whereas a drain or common sewer has been laid in White Bread Alley conformably to the directions of the Select- [**304.**] men, the whole expence whereof amounts to one hundred & fifty dollars, which expence is to be borne by such persons whose drains enter therein & receive benefit thereby.—

Wherefore We the Subscribers Selectmen of the said Town of Boston certify that having considered the same expence & by whom and in what manner it ought to be paid *Do Adjudge* that

the same be paid in the proportion following and by the persons hereafter named—viz.

Thomas Foster, Elizabeth Bradlee, William Pool, each $7.17.

Thomas McClure, Benjamin Jarvis, William Daker, Estate of Nabby Howard dec^d., Samuel Bartlett, Joshua Burr, Capt Lord, James Lamb, Josiah Rainsford, each $10.75.

Elijah Turner Esq., $32.25.

And We hereby empower Thomas Foster to demand & receive the same & to give discharge therefor.—

(Signed) CH^s. BULFINCH, EBEN. OLIVER, JON^A. HUNNEWELL, JOSEPH FOSTER, JOSEPH LOVERING, JOSEPH AUSTIN, EDMUND HARTT } Selectmen of Boston.

Land in front of Court House see last page.

[**305.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 29th. 1815. Present a Majority of the Board.

Passed the Quarterly Accounts.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 30th. 1815. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Weld, Lovering, Austin, Williams & Hartt.

Warrant was signed for a Town Meeting to be held on the 7th. June next.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 7th. 1815. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Foster, Weld, Lovering, Austin, Williams & Hartt.

On the petition of Mary Alexander wife of William Alexander, cabinet maker, confirmed by several of the neighbours; application was signed to the Judge of Probate, representing to him that said William Alexander was [**306.**] a man of intemperate habits, and in danger of becoming chargeable to the Town, by wasting his property; therefore requesting that a Guardian should be appointed over him.

Complaint having been made of a dangerous place in Olive street, Mount Vernon, the Chairman was desired to notify the abutters on the street to build a wall & fence to support the gravel necessary to level the street.

The Chairman was desired to obtain from J. W. Folsom Esq. Coroner, the evidence respecting the murder of Frederick Hart on

the 3d. instant, and communicate the same to the Governour & Council, with a request that they would direct such measures as to them should appear proper for the detection of the murderers.—

The Committee to view Beach street reported that Messrs. Thomas & R. Haskins be informed that the board think it expedient for the improvement of that street—that the fence on their land should be removed back on a line with the new brick house.—

[**307.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 13th. 1815. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Hunnewell, Weld, Lovering & Austin.—

Application having been made by Mr. William Foster Junr. to the General Court, for liberty to build a wharf on the flatts, east of the channel and in front of Foster's wharf—it was now agreed, that the time allowed by the order of notice was too short for due consideration of this proposal, and therefore Voted That the Committee of [the] General Court should be requested to report to refer it to the next session.—

Representation having been made that some persons acting under the direction of Messrs. Hancock & Spear, were digging & carting away the gravel where the steps lately were situated on the north side of Beacon hill, Voted. That the Chairman & Mr. Weld be a Committee to take measures to prevent this encroachment on the Town's land & to prosecute the persons concerned in it —

[**308.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 14th. 1815.—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Hunnewell, Lovering, Austin & Williams.—

4 Jurors were drawn for Circuit Court of United States.

32 Jurors drawn for Boston Court of Com. Pleas.

On the application of Mrs. Peak & on evidence of Mr. Jepson & Lummis her neighbours—an application was signed to the Judge of Probate, representing that Mr. William Peak, pump maker, was a man of intemperate habits, in danger of wasting his property, & thereby bringing himself & family to be chargeable to the Town—and praying that a Guardian should be appointed for him.—

Mr. Samuel Cabot Junr. & Joseph Cabot were approved as Auctioneers.

The Chairman was requested to employ a surveyer to examine the Town's passage way between Rowe's & Foster's wharves, &

to stake out the Town's bounds on the north & south sides & make a correct plan thereof.—

[309.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 5. 1815. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Weld, Lovering, Austin & Williams.

List of Auctioneers approved during the past year was examined & the following approved for the year ensuing.—viz.

Samuel L. Abbot, James A. Allen, Francis Amory, George Bond, George Burroughs Jr., Stephen Brown, Lemuel Blake, Thomas Battille, Horatio Bass, James Bourguin, George G. Channing, Cornelius Coolidge, Thomas Clark, William Cochran, Saml. F. Coolidge, Martin Clap, Joseph L. Cunningham, Samuel Cabot Junr., Joseph Cabot, William Dehon, George L. Deblois, Richard Edwards, Charles Edwards, David M. Eaton, David Forsaith, Silas Field, William Gridley Jr., Caleb Hayward, Richd. H. Hough, Daniel Hearsey, Charles Head, William Hartwell, Joseph Hollis, Thos. K. Jones, John Jutau, Abraham Jones, Chas. H. Jones, Fredk. W. Ingraham. [310.] Philip Marett, John Minchin, David Marston, Charles Nolen, George Noble, John W. Nance, Samuel Prince, Henry J. Oliver, Elisha Parks, Luther Parks, Asahel Plimpton, Joseph Ripley, Frink Stratton, William Tucker, John Tyler, Joseph Titcomb, Samuel Whitwell, Nathl. H. Whitaker, Francis Wilby, John Winslow Jr., Charles Willis, Henry White, John White.

Return having been made from the Clerk of the Court of Sessions of the names of persons licensed for [the] sale of spirituous liquors during the past year, the same was examined and corrected by erasing the names of such as were deceased, had left Town or had conducted disorderly [places]—and the usual certificate signed for the remainder.

[311.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 12th. 1815. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Weld, Lovering, Austin & Hartt.—

Return was made by William Mackay Esq. of the expence of repairing the drain in Sudbury street, the account whereof being duly examined by the Selectmen was by them allowed; they being informed at the same time that all persons concerned in said drain had been notified according to law and that no objection had been made.—Assessment was now made, an order of payment was passed by the selectmen as follows viz.—

Whereas a drain or common sewer has been laid in Sudbury street conformably to the directions of the Selectmen, the whole expence whereof amounts to sixty three dollars, which expence is to be borne by such persons whose drains enter therein & receive

benefit thereby—Wherefore We the Subscribers Selectmen of the said Town of Boston certify that having considered the same expence and by whom & in what manner it ought to [**312.**] be paid *Do Adjudge* that the same be paid in the proportion following and by the persons hereafter named—viz.

John Heard Esq. Agent, Samuel Parkman Esq., Abraham Bazin, William Taylor, Elizabeth Gale & Moses Bass, Heirs of Josiah Bradlee, William Mackay Esq, John Kennedy, Heirs of John Codman Esq, Widow Storer, Foster Swift, Thomas Furber, Heirs of David Peirce, Samuel Snelling, Thomas D. Moore, Joseph Phipps, Jacob Tidd, Jacob Eustis, Leonard French, William Gray, each 1 share, $3.

Thomas Lee, 2 shares, $6.

And We hereby Authorize & empower William Mackay Esq. to demand and receive the same, & to give discharges therefor.

(signed) CHARLES BULFINCH, EBEN OLIVER, BENJ WELD, JOSEPH LOVERING, JOSEPH AUSTIN, EDMUND HARTT } Selectmen of Boston.

[**313.**] Application was made by Mess[rs]. Jacob & Charles Tidd to purchase a piece of land on Merrimack street, mill pond which borders on their Distill house yard.—It was voted that it was not expedient to make sale of any part of that land at present.—

William Minot Esq. Secretary & Treasurer to the Franklin donation fund, presented his books and accounts, which were examined & approved by a Committee.—he was then chosen to the office of Secretary & Treasurer for the year ensuing.—

William King (a black Man) having been well recommended, was approved & licensed to sweep chimneys, and to employ his son as an apprentice in the same business during the pleasure of the board.—

This time having been assigned for coming to the choice of Constables for one year—The following persons were chosen, with the same bondsmen as in the last year, or any change of sureties to be approved by the Chairman.—

Thomas Stevenson - - - - Tho[s] Stevenson Jr. & W[m] Stevenson
Elisha Copeland - - - - - - John Perry & John Gibson
[**314.**] Moses Thayer - - John Minchin & James Liswell
Solomon Twist - - - - - - W[m] Simonds & Amos Penniman
William Tupper - - - - - - John Gibson & John Howe
James Perkins - - - - - - - Ja[s]. Williams & Jonas Green

Wendall R. Barker - - - - S. Bell & Peter Dickerman
Benj[a]. C. Stevenson - - - - Shubael Bell & Tho[s] Stevenson Jr.
George Jackson - - - - - - Caleb Whiting & John Loring
George Reed - - - - - - - Martin Burr & Fran[s]. Garaux
Andrew Sanborn - - - - - Ja[s]. Burchstead & Horace Dupee.
William Dinsmore - - - - - W[m] Cochran & David S. Eaton
Thomas Holden - - - - - - Silas Harvey & John Williams
and for South Boston——
Jabez Wilson.—

July 19. William Brooks—Moses Wallach & Lemuel Babcock.

[**315.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 19th. 1815 Present Mess[rs]. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Weld, Lovering & Austin.—

Inquiry having been made into the conduct of M[r]. William Brooks, in his office of Constable, & the report being satisfactory to the Board, it was agreed to reappoint him the present year.

Application was received for paving Fosters lane leading from Charter street to Lynn street; referred to Mess[rs]. Austin & Hartt to view & report.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 31st. 1815. Present Mess[rs]. Bulfinch, Hunnewell, Foster, Lovering, Austin & Williams.

The Clerk of the markets account, for the quarter ending the 1st instant, examined and approved.

Passed the Monthly accounts.

Proposals were handed in by the Clerk of the market for digging a well in market square, with a subscription paper to the amount of 450 dollars—the subscription appearing to be conditional, it was determined [**316.**] to take no measure respecting the well, unless the money subscribed should be paid and given toward the object, in which case the board would agree upon the part of the Town, to pay what should be necessary in addition.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 2[d]. 1815— Present Mess[rs]. Bulfinch, Oliver, Austin, Williams & Hartt.—

The Accounts of M[r]. Phillips hay weigher for the quarter ending July 1st. examined & found correct; the balance ordered to be paid to the Treasurer.—

Messrs. Whitwell & Bond apply for liberty to place stage poles in Kilby street, to erect staging necessary for their new building— Voted. That they may be allowed to use as much of Kilby street as may be necessary for their staging: they being careful to incommode the occupants of the adjoining lots as little as possible.—

[**317.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 9th. 1815—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Weld, Williams & Hartt.—

Return was made by Mr. James Sherman of the expence of repairing the drain in North street, the account whereof being duly examined by the Selectmen was by them allowed; they being informed at the same time that all persons concerned in said drain had been notified according to law & that no objection had been made.—Assessment was now made, an order of payment was passed by the Selectmen as follows viz.—

Whereas a drain or common sewer has been laid in North street conformably to the directions of the Selectmen the whole expence whereof amounts to five dollars, which expence is to be borne by such persons whose drains enter therein & receive benefit thereby—Wherefore We the subscribers Selectmen of the said Town of Boston certify that having considered the same expence and by whom and in what manner it ought to be paid— *Do Adjudge* that the same be paid in the proportion following & by the persons hereafter named—viz.—

Lewis Leland 2 shares, $1.25.

[**318.**] James Sherman, John Eliot, Redford Webster Esq., Capt. —— Bangs, Capt. —— Ward, Joseph Callender, each 62½ cents.

And we hereby authorize & empower Mr. James Sherman to demand & receive the same & to give discharges therefor.—

Signed CHARLES BULFINCH, BENJ WELD, ROBT. WILLIAMS, EDMUND HARTT, JOSEPH AUSTIN } Selectmen of Boston.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 16. 1815.— Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Weld, Lovering, Austin & Williams.

Whereas Messrs. Whitwell & Bond upon application to the Selectmen obtained liberty to lay a common sewer in Kilby street, and it having been made to appear to the Board that the work has been properly executed; the accounts also having been ex-

hibited, and examined, by which it appears that the whole expence of building the same & admitting therein the drains of three estates, amounts to the sum of two hundred [**319.**] & eleven dollars.—It is hereby adjudged by the Selectmen that the several persons who by using the said common sewer & connecting drain therewith have become proprietors thereof, shall pay their proportions of the expence of building or laying the same as follows—

Messrs. Whitwell & Bond - - - - - - - - - - - -	75
Thomas L. Winthrop Esq. for Jas. Bowdoin Esq. - - - -	75
Mrs. Borland - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	61
	$211

And We hereby empower Messrs Whitwell & Bond to demand & receive the same and to give discharges therefor.—

signed CHARLES BULFINCH
Chairman of Selectmen

Estimates having been made for two stone sinks to be made in North Russell street, amounting to 183 dollars.—it was agreed to employ Mr. Woodbury to proceed to build them.—

The proposals for digging a well having been renewed, & the subscribers having agreed to the terms proposed by the Board the following vote was ordered to be communicated to the Conduit Corporation—

Voted. That the Selectmen will cause a well to be dug near the north east corner [**320.**] of the market house, and have two pumps placed therein.—On condition that the Conduit Corporation will consent to pay to the Clerk of the market who is hereby authorized to receive the same, the sum of one hundred dollars subscribed by them towards the expence of the same: they to join with the Town in the chance and risk of the undertaking to the amount of the above sum.—Also that the said Corporation shall agree, in case a liberal supply of good water can be obtained, to relinquish their right of using the conduit pipes, and of taking up the streets to repair them.—

N. B. The officers of the Conduit Corporation signified their consent to the above by their vote which is on file.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 28th. 1815. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Lovering & Austin.—

Passed the Accounts.

6 Jurors were drawn for District Court of United States.

[**321.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen September 13th. 1815—Present, Messrs. Bulfinch, Hunnewell, Foster, Weld, Lovering & Austin.

Jurors were drawn for the Court of Common Pleas.—

It was agreed to allow two hundred & fifty dollars for paving Foster street, the same to be done under the direction & to the satisfaction of Messrs. Austin & Hartt.

Mr. Joseph Grafton was approved as an Auctioneer.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen September 20th. 1815.—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Hunnewell, Weld, Lovering.

An application was received from the commanding officers of the three Boston regiments requesting that provision should be made to supply the militia with rations and baggage waggons for the review directed by the Major General at Dedham on the 11th. October next. It was agreed to postpone the decision on this application [**322.**] to the next meeting, in the mean time to ascertain the requisitions of the law & what had been done heretofore on such occasions.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen September 25th. 1815.—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Hunnewell, Weld, Lovering, Austin & Williams.—

Passed the Monthly Accounts.—

A very violent gale of wind having on Saturday last, done great damage to the Town in general, but particularly to the Common, by rooting up thirteen large trees in the Mall & eleven on the line of Beacon street, & three by the burying ground in Common street. The Chairman informed the board that he had employed a number of labourers, to replace them—they approved his proceedings & appointed the Chairman & Mr. Hunnewell to superintend the work.—

Certificate was signed, approving the theatre in Federal street, & the company under Messrs. Powell & Dickson for theatrical entertainments, the ensuing year.—

[**323.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen September 27th. 1815. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Weld & Lovering.

4 Grand & 4 petit Jurors were drawn for Circuit Court of the United States.—

The buildings being now completed on the land near the front of the new Court house, and Mr. Sullivan the proprietor of them requesting that an appropriate name should be given to the space between the buildings & leading to the Court house.—it was agreed that it should be called *Court Square;* the Chairman was desired to have this name painted & placed on each side of the entrance from School street.—

Information having been given to the board, that Major Gen. Crane had issued orders for all the militia of the first division to be reviewed at Dedham on the 11th. October next—The Chairman was desired to represent to Gen Crane the circumstances of the Town, & of the people in general especially since the ravages of the late storm, and to solicit a recall of his orders, that the review of the Boston troops [**324.**] may take place within the Town, as of late years.—

Agreed to allow 400 dollars towards paving the southerly end of Broad street, leading to Rowe's & Fosters wharves.

Petition was received from a number of gentlemen resident on Beacon street &c, stating that the fences of the estate, late of Governour Hancock, having been much damaged by the storm & requiring expensive repair—it appeared to them a favourable opportunity to make an improvement by widening the street in front of that estate—& praying that measures should be taken to that effect, before any repairs should be commenced.—The same was considered & committed to Mr. Weld, to confer with the petitioners—and to understand from them what assistance they would give to enable the board to make the desired improvement.—

[**325.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 2d. 1815.—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Foster, Weld & Austin.

Application was received from the officers of Militia of the Town, that a Town meeting should be called, to request that rations & waggons for conveyance of baggage should be furnished at the expence of the Town, to the militia who are ordered to parade at Dedham on the 10th & 11th instant.—Warrant was signed for a Meeting on the 5th. instant.—

In pursuance of the powers, granted to the Selectmen by the act in addition to the act respecting boats & lighters employed to transport stones, gravel or sand within this commonwealth—it is hereby ordered

That the person regularly appointed to inspect and mark boats and lighters in this Town shall receive and demand for his services as follows, in addition to the cost of the marks required by law.—

1st. For weighing and marking each boat and lighter, the sum of six dollars, when [**326.**] the same does not exceed the burthen or capacity of twenty four tons, and also twenty five cents in addition for each & every ton exceeding that number.—

2d. For inspecting annually the marks on any boat or lighter, and giving a certificate of their correctness, One Dollar.—

3d. When the Inspector shall be of opinion, that the burthen or capacity of any boat or lighter has been diminished or increased by any repairs or otherwise, he shall give notice thereof to the owner, and that the same requires to be marked anew—that the owner may state his objections, if any he have, to the Chairman of the Selectmen: who shall direct the Inspector to proceed as circumstances shall-appear to require.—

The fees for marking a boat or lighter, after the same shall have been altered, shall be the same as for weighing and marking in the first instance, whenever it shall be necessary to weigh and mark the same entirely. But when the alteration shall affect the marks of such boat or lighter in part only, the fees shall be in proportion to the time expended in making the necessary alterations.

[**327.**] Whereas it has been represented to the Selectmen that Mr. A. Woodward, proprietor of a store in Newbury street, and Messrs. David Greenough, Moses Wheeler, and Thomas Williams, proprietors and occupants of the new houses on Common street, have each of them laid a drain from his cellar to connect the same with the common sewer which leads through Mason street & Newbury street southerly; It is hereby determined that each & every one of the persons above named should be assessed for the use of said common sewer—the same amount as was paid by each proprietor of said common sewer at the time of the last general repair of the same in October 1812, and they are accordingly assessed as follow viz.

A. Woodward	5.53	Moses Wheeler	5.53
David Greenough	5.53	Thomas Williams	5.53

And we hereby authorize and empower Mr. Charles Roe to demand and receive the same & to give discharges therefor.—

Chs. Bulfinch
Eb. Oliver
Jon. Hunnewell
Joseph Foster
Benj. Weld
Joseph Austin
} Selectmen of Boston.

[**328.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 3d. 1815.—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Foster, Lovering & Williams.—

Representation having been made to the board that the cellar walls of a tavern or hotel were now laying on Milk street & Battery march street, which would project the walls of the buildings further westerly than the other buildings to the southward thereof —a meeting was called at this time & M^r. Cotting was invited to confer with the board upon the subject.—the ground was visited and examined, and after full consideration—Voted, That in the opinion of the Selectmen, the convenience of the inhabitants requires that the west line of the building proposed, to be built on Battery march street, should range with a line drawn from the south west corner of the store of Andrew Brimmer to the north-west corner of the store of George Odiorne, and that all the land to the westward of said line to the old pavement should be added to the highway.

The Chairman was desired to communicate the above to M^r. Cotting the proprietor of said land.—

[**329.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 5th. 1815. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Hunnewell, Foster, Lovering, Austin & Williams.

M^r. Cotting being present it was agreed to refer the consideration of the damage done to his land by the proceedings of the Board of the 3^d. inst, to the following gentlemen—they to view the cellar and land in its present state, & to view it again after the alteration shall be made—before they make up their judgments.—

JOSEPH HEAD
PERRIN MAY
TRISTRAM BARNARD
WILLIAM FOSTER, JUN^R.
JOHN OSBORN, ESQUIRE.

The Chairman & M^r. Lovering were appointed a Committee to carry into effect the votes passed in Town meeting this day—authorizing & empowering the board to furnish rations &c. to the troops who would be on duty at the review at Dedham on the 10th & 11th instant. The Chairman then invited the colonels & Brigade quartermaster to meet them at the Selectmens room. They held a conference on the most eligible mode of providing rations etc. It was [**330.**] agreed that the Colonels & quarter master should make estimates of the quantity wanted, and of the number of waggons &c that would be necessary, & adjourned to tomorrow 10 o'clock.—

Friday October 6th.

The Committee met—when Major Shimmin made report—That the captains of the several companies would undertake to provide rations, & that they should make return of the number actually on

duty by certificate of the proper officer. That there would be required—$5^1/_4$ tons of straw

3 Baggage waggons, to each regiment—9 - - - - - - - - - }
1 D°—— D°—— to battalion of artillery 1 - - - - - - - } 12
2 D°—— D°—— for conveyance of 300 tents 2 - - - - }
A quantity of forage for artillery horses &c.

The brigade & regimental quarter masters would undertake to provide the waggons—and contract for forage and straw.—

The report was accepted.—

[**331.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 18th. 1815—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Weld, Lovering & Austin.—

Messrs. Bulfinch & Hunnewell, a Committee to direct the pruning of the trees in the Mall & Common.—

The Chairman was directed to employ Mr Samuel Holmes in the streets to regulate the carts from the country, bringing cyder & wood for sale—he to be allowed one dollar each day while employed.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 25th. 1815.—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Foster, Weld, Lovering & Williams.

On the application of John L. Sullivan Esq. he is permitted to place a fence on the westerly part of Pond street, where it turns into Prince street, to enclose the inner angle on the side towards the water in a curve line, in such a manner as that the street shall measure forty five feet wide in every part opposite said fence.—and on condition that the fence shall be removed [**332.**] whenever it shall be required by the selectmen, and free of expence to the Town.—

A Petition was presented by a number of gentlemen residing in Beacon street, and the streets adjacent, stating the advantages that would arise to the public, if the street in front of the estate of the late Gov. Hancock, could be widened, and also that such improvement could be made at the present time with peculiar convenience, owing to the shattered & ruinous state of the fences occasioned by the late storm.—The subject was considered and voted, That in the opinion of the board, it would be a great public improvement, to widen Beacon street from the southerly corner of the State House yard to the corner of Belknap street opposite to [the] estate of John Joy Esq. deceased.—

Voted. To meet tomorrow 11. o'clock at said part of Beacon street, to view the premises and consider where the lines of the street should run.—

The board met according to agreement, the same members present as yesterday, and viewed the land proposed to be taken into the street; after various propositions for running the lines for the new front on the street. a number of stakes were placed in a straight [**333.**] line commencing six feet from the State House wall to the corner post of John Joy's estate on Belknap street. It was agreed to meet at Faneuil hall tomorrow 27th. 12. o'clock to determine upon the subject—that absent members should be notified to attend, and a plan of the street be there laid before the Board.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 27th. 1815.—

Present the whole Board.—

A plan of Beacon street was exhibited, and several proposals were made by members of the board, to alter the direction of the line of the street—to reduce the quantity of land necessary to be taken.—At this time Ebenezer Hancock, John Hancock & Samuel Spear Esqrs acting for, and representing all the heirs of late Govr. Hancock, were admitted at their request—they had a conference on the subject with the board, in which they objected to the proceeding altogether, but expressed a wish, that if the board persisted in their determination, they would alter the line, to take a smaller quantity of land, and in their opinion [**334.**] make it less injurious to the estate; after they had retired. Voted, that Mr. Weld be desired to view the ground again in company with Mr Spear, and to consider if any alteration of the lines could be made, to effect the desired improvement, and meet the wishes of the heirs of the estate.—

The Chairman was desired to obtain the opinion of William Sullivan Esq. whether the heirs of Gov. Hancock, could make any present claim for land to be taken; and how the proceeding would affect the rights & claims of Mrs. Scott, the present possessor, in right of dower of said estate.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 30th. 1815. —Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Foster, Weld, Lovering & Austin.—

Passed the Monthly Accounts.

[**335.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novemr. 1st. 1815.

Present the whole Board.

The subject of widening Beacon street again considered—M^r. Weld made report that he had viewed the ground in company with M_. Spear, but found that to conform to the proposals of the heirs in drawing the line, would not make such an improvement of the street as would be satisfactory to the public—but gave it as his opinion that by deviating in a small degree from a straight line, and by widening the street on the opposite side by a small portion from the Common, the views of the heirs might be met in a considerable degree—the quantity of land taken from them would be lessened, and the street would be opened commodiously & handsomely.—It was now proposed by some members of the board to postpone any further proceedings, in consequence of the lateness of the season—this being put to vote did not obtain.—The Chairman, M^r. Weld & M^r. Lovering were empowered to alter the direction of the new line of the street, according to their judgment, to exhibit the plan to the petitioners for their approbation.

[336.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Nov. 8. 1815. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Foster, Weld, Lovering, Austin & Williams.—

Grand Jurors & Traverse Jurors were drawn for Supreme Judicial Court.—

Messrs. Jonathan Heath & Elijah Utley—apply for liberty to build a livery stable on land purchased by them for that purpose on Portland street, late Cole lane—Committed to Messrs. Weld & Lovering.—

The Committee on the subject of widening Beacon street reported, a written opinion from William Sullivan Esq. that the heirs of the estate of late Gov. Hancock would have no claim to compensation for land taken until they should come into possession of the estate.—

A plan of the street was also exhibited showing the lines as they had been run by the Committee—this plan had been laid before the petitioners for the improvement, and was approved by them, and they had agreed to defray the expence of removing the old fences, and of building a handsome new fence in front of said estate.—**[337.]** The plan being also approved by the board, it was determined to widen the street according to it, and that it be recorded as follows.—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Boston Nov. 8th. 1815.

Whereas in the opinion of the Selectmen, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants of the Town of Boston—require, that the portion of Beacon street between the wall of the State House yard and Belknap street should be widened, and the board having

repeatedly viewed and measured the land lying between the aforementioned bounds, to determine in what manner the public improvement could be effected, with the smallest damage to private property. It is now determined to widen that portion of Beacon street as follows—beginning at a point—four feet three inches from the southwesterly corner of the wall of the State House yard, there measuring seventeen feet on land of the heirs of the late Gov. Hancock to Beacon street; then from the first mentioned point to the easterly wall of the front yard of the mansion house now occupied by M^rs. Dorothy Scott, there measuring seventeen feet four inches, thence to the westerly wall of said front yard, there measuring nineteen feet, thence to a point opposite to the present bend in said Beacon [**338.**] street, there measuring twenty feet, thence to a point on Belknap street, four feet from the corner of said street & Beacon street. And the same is ordered to be recorded as the line of said Beacon street, for the extent above described, and all the land lying between said above described line and Beacon street is hereby declared to be added thereto, and to be made part of the public highway.—

The Chairman was desired to have the deposition of William Taylor Esquire the surveyor who made the plan, taken in perpetuam, that it might be used in evidence, if necessary, in future.

Voted, That the Chairman and M^r. Lovering be empowered to agree with some person for the removal of the earth which may be necessary to level the street, and dispose of it on those parts of the Common where it will be most useful. that part of it be placed along the bank from the north westerly corner of the Common, to widen the street on that side in a gore from the corner to the first bend in the fence.—

[**339.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 15th. 1815. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Foster, Weld, Lovering, Austin & Williams.

A remonstrance against a license being granted to build a livery stable on land on Portland street was received, and read; also particular recommendations of Messrs. Utley & Heath who apply for the license.—the subject was considered—and the Committee appointed to view the situation reported, that it was safe from danger of fire—it was Voted. That license be granted to Messrs. Utley & Heath to build a brick stable in the place applied for, on the following conditions, that they should take down the three story wooden house which stands on the front of the lot on Portland street, that the stable should be built on the back line of the lot—contiguous to the garden of William Boardman Esq. who consents thereto and which will leave an open yard between the stable and Portland street of sixty feet from said street—also that the fence should be removed so far back

[**340.**] from the line of the street as that all carriages standing in front should leave the whole width of the street clear and unincumbered. (N. B. M^r. Utley consented to the above conditions.—)

The bell of the Old South church, being at present useless—The Chairman was desired to request of the Committee of the Park street society, that their bell should ring at the hours of 8 in the morning, 1 P.M. & 9. in the evening—and in case they should not consent, to apply to the Committee of Federal street society for the same purpose.—

A complaint was entered by M^r. W^m. Hynes against George Reed constable, for detaining in his possession stolen goods, after advertising them and M^r. Hynes proving his property.—they were both present, when it appeared that M^r. Reed had kept the property while search was making for the thief & during the session of the Grand Jury—after which he had delivered it up, upon payment of charge of advertising only; M^r. Reeds conduct was approved by the board.—

M^r. Phinehas Capen was approved as an Auctioneer.

[**341.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 22^d. 1815—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Foster, Weld, Lovering, Austin & Williams.

Jurors were drawn for the District Court of United States.

On the representation of the Captain of engine house in Leverett street, of the want of a fire place & separate room for the Company—the Chairman was authorized to direct all repairs that were necessary—and to have a partition placed to make a meeting room & furnished with a stove & kettle for heating water for clearing the engine from frost & ice.—

Joseph Knapp Esq. presented a memorial & remonstrance against the continuance of the watch house on the present situation in Orange street: it now occupies a room in his dwelling house—over a water course belonging to the Town of six feet wide—and was many years since used for that purpose by his consent—the building was then [**342.**] used as a store, but, being of late years made into a dwelling house has become inconvenient, and as he states a great nuisance.—Messrs. Oliver, Foster & Lovering were desired to view the watch house, to ascertain the town's rights, and to confer with M^r. Knapp respecting another situation for a watch house—& report.

M^r. John P. Orcutt was approved as an Auctioneer.

Mr Jonathan Prescott applied to be restored to the office of Constable—passed in the negative.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen December 13 h. 1815.—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Foster, Weld, Lovering, Austin & Williams.—

32 Jurors were drawn for the Court of Com. Pleas.

Messrs Augustus Moore & Joseph Burdekin were approved as Auctioneers.—

Mr Samuel Holmes having been recommended, was approved & appointed a Constable, to continue in office until July next—the period of the annual choice of constables—Bondsmen—Peter Bicknell & James Farrar.—

[**343.**] Deacon Brown having expressed his wish to come to a settlement with the Town for a gore of land lying north of his estate in Orange street.—The plan of the same was viewed, and it was agreed to offer the same to Deacon Brown at the rate of one dollar the square foot.—

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 20th. 1815—Present Mess. Bulfinch, Oliver, Foster, Weld, Lovering, Austin & Williams.

20 Jurors were drawn to serve at the Supreme Judicial Court at the present term.

A statement was received from the Treasurer of the rents of the various rooms in the old State House.—the same was committed to Messrs. Oliver, Hunnewell & Lovering to consider whether any advance could be made thereon, in consequence of the revival of business.—

At a special Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 26. 1815. Present Messr. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Foster & Williams.—

Ten jurors were drawn to supply vacancies in the list, last drawn for Sup. Judicial Court in consequence of the decision of the Court that, they had served within three years.

[**344.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen December 27th. 1815—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Weld, Williams, Lovering & Austin.—

Passed the Monthly Accounts.

Mr. Prescott's application to be reappointed a Constable was considered—and it was agreed to reinstate him in that office—to continue until the period of annual election in July next.—

Mr. Charles Lerow was approved as an Auctioneer.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 3d. 1816—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Foster, Weld, Lovering & Austin.—

Messrs. Hall & Weld, occupants of the old store at the corner of Elm street on Union street, presented a plan of said store, and represented that being about to repair or rebuild on that spot, they wished to know the opinion of the board respecting widening said Elm street and what quantity of land would be required for that purpose. The board desired the Chairman to inform Mess. Hall & Weld that in their opinion seven feet ought to be added to the street at the corner, [**345.**] and that they would name twelve disinterested inhabitants out of whom the proprietors might select *five* to consider the damage done to the estate & determine the amount that should be paid.—

Mr. Greenough presented a plan of a piece of land in Mason Street, corner of Sheaffs Lane, which he offered to exchange for the lot on which the school house stands in West street.—the same ordered to lie for consideration.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 10th. 1816—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Hunnewell, Weld, Lovering & Austin.—

20 Jurors were drawn for Supreme Judicial Court now in Session.

Agreed to meet tomorrow in Mason street to view land offered for school house—absent members to be notified.—

January 17th. 1816—no quorum for business.

[**346.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 24th. 1816.—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Hunnewell, Foster, Weld, Lovering, Austin, Williams & Hartt.

The following Letter and communication was received & read.—viz

Boston January 1816.

To the
Selectmen of the Town of Boston
Gentlemen

I annex hereunto an extract from the last will & testament of my brother Abiel Smith late of Boston deceased in which he bequeathes to the Town of Boston certain property

therein specified should the Town accept the said bequest on the conditions & for the purposes expressed in that instrument, I shall be prepared to transfer the same conformable to the benevolent intention of the donor.—

I have the honor to be
with respect
Your Obt. Servt.

Barney Smith
Executor to the last Will & Testament
of Abiel Smith late of Boston deceased.

Extract

I bequeath to the Selectmen of [**347.**] the Town of Boston for the time being and to their successors in that office, all my thirty shares in the Newbury port Turnpike, all my twenty shares in the second Turnpike road in New Hampshire, my Seventeen & half shares in the Kennebeck Bridge, my five shares in the bridge across from Tiverton to Rhode Island, my five shares in the Springfield Bridge, my share in the Boston Theatre, my share in the Bathing house in Boston with four thousand dollars in the three per Cent funded Stock of the United States; in trust for the purposes following & no other, to wit, that they shall collect & receive the net income thereon and appropriate & apply the whole income to the maintenance & support of a school or schools under their direction for the instruction of people of color meaning Africans & their descendants, either clear or mixed, in reading writing and arithmetic in such place, places & manner as said Selectmen shall deem best & if said Selectmen shall & do accept this donation within one year from the time of my decease for said purpose, I then order my executor to transfer to them all my title to said property for the purposes aforesaid.''

[**348.**] This letter and the extract from the will having been considered. Voted that the Chairman be desired to express to Barney Smith Esq. the high sense which the Selectmen entertain of the benevolent intentions of his late brother Abiel Smith Esq. toward an unfortunate & neglected portion of the human species, and of his liberal bequest to carry those intentions into effect; and that he nform him that they will accept the trust committed to them, with an assurance that no exertions shall be wanting on their part to promote the liberal views of the testator.

The following letter was received from Mr. Jonathan P. Hall in behalf of the proprietor of the building at the north east corner of Elm & Union streets.

Boston 17 Jany 1816—

Mr. Bulfinch

Sir

The proprietors of the estate making the corner of Union st & Elm street understanding that the Town wishes a

part of that estate to widen Elm street are willing to abide the decision of five of the under mentioned gentlemen as to the worth of what the Town should take of said estate.—very respectfully in behalf of the Proprietors.—JONA. P. HALL.

[**349.**]	Thomas Dennie	Wm Sullivan
	Benjamin Whitwell	George Hallett
	Samuel Snelling	James White
	Wm Mackay	Ephm Eliot
	Peter C. Brooks	Asher Benjamin
	David Greenough	John Heard

The subject having been considered it was voted. That in the opinion of the Selectmen, the safety & convenience of the inhabitants require that the easterly side of Elm street should be widened, as follows, beginning at the easterly corner of the brick house on the north side of said street now or lately belonging to Mrs Marian, and proceeding in a straight line to a point on Union street seven feet from the present so easterly corner of the old building now occupied by Messrs Hall & Weld; and that all the land lying southerly of said line should be added to the street,—whenever the building shall be taken down.—

Voted. That the Board will select five referees from the list of names offered by Mr J. P. Hall & that the following gentlemen William Sullivan, P. C. Brooks, Thomas Dennie, Saml. Snelling and Asher Benjamin be requested to examine the premises, and to consider what sum should [**350.**] be paid by the Town for damages sustained by the proprietors of said estate, by the proceedings of the board in taking a portion of their land for the improvement of the street.

Messrs. Nathaniel Bradlee & Noah Dogget were chosen measurers of wood coming by water into this Town.—

Mr. John Perkins having been an Auctioneer for many years & having lately been absent on a voyage to Europe applied for a renewal of his license—which was granted.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany 31. 1816. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Foster, Weld, Lovering, Austin & Williams.

Passed the Monthly Accounts.

Agreed to the proposal of Mr. David Greenough, to exchange the lot of land on which the wooden school house stands in West street, for land immediately north of the new Medical College in Mason street—he contracting to build a two story brick school house thereon on or before the 15th August next.—The Chair-

man was desired to employ M^r. Thacher to examine the title of the land offered & to prepare deeds &c.—

[**351.**] Complaint having been made of an error in measuring wood from the country—it was Voted, that the several measurers be informed that the board expect that in future their tickets shall express the contents of each load written in words at full length, & that the deficiency of the quantity expressed in any ticket found in any load which shall not appear to arise from the fradulent manner of piling the wood in the cart, shall be made good to the purchaser by the measurer.

In conformity to a precept received from [the] Hon. Judge of Probate for [the] County of Suffolk, inquisition was made into the circumstances of John Haskins—& return was signed that he was a person non compos mentis & recommending that a guardian be appointed for him.—

[**352.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen February 14th. 1816. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Weld, Foster, Lovering & Austin.

Grand Jurors and traverse jurors were drawn for Supreme Judicial Court.

Messrs. John Bellows and David Greenough, directors of the new Cornhill Corporation, presented a plan exhibiting the lands & buildings purchased by them, and the direction in which they proposed to form a new street to connect Court street with Market square—They stated their wish that the board would lay out the street, according to the powers vested in them by law.—the gentlemen having retired, it was agreed to call a special meeting on Monday next and that every member of the board be requested to attend.—

[**353.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen February 19th. 1816. Present M^r. Bulfinch & all the other members of the Board.—

The plan of the new Cornhill street was examined, and it was voted, unanimously that the street to be made in the direction proposed by the Corporation was highly necessary and would be a great convenience to the inhabitants, a large Committee from the Corporation now attended and a general conversation ensued upon the best mode of proceeding to lay out said street—it was agreed that the communication from the Corporation should be reduced to writing & Wednesday next was assigned for acting definitively on the subject.—

The gentlemen having withdrawn—The Board voted to approve of Mr. Jacob Peabody, as an Auctioneer, having been well recommended, and long acquainted with this business, having taken his residence in this town.—

Some conversation ensued on the subject of adjusting and compromising with Mr. Boylston, the claims of the Town on him—but no measures were taken thereon.—

[**354.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen February 21st. 1816.—Present the Whole Board (except Mr. Hunnewell).—

The following letter was received from the Directors of the new Cornhill Corporation.

Boston February 19th. 1816.

To the Selectmen
of the Town of Boston

Gentlemen

We beg leave to represent to your respectable Board that the new Cornhill Corporation have purchased a number of estates situate between Cornhill & Court street, with a view to lay out a new & spacious street from one to the other, which will open a communication direct from the market to Court street. They are now the proprietors of all the land necessary to complete this enterprise except one estate situate on Cornhill and Dorsets Alley owned by Samuel Norton, Thomas Jackson, Samuel Belknap and others—which also they are desirous of purchasing at a fair price and applying to this object—The street which they propose to give to the Town has cost them upwards of sixty thousand dollars and as the public utility of the place is manifest & indisputable, they request the aid of your Board [**355.**] in exercising their legal power in laying out said street, according to a plan herewith submitted subject to such alterations & regulations as may be mutually agreed upon, they therefore most respectfully suggest the propriety of notifying the owners of the aforesaid estate to appear before you at an early day to shew cause if any they have against immediate proceedings to complete this great improvement upon receiving a fair equivalent for such part of their estate as may be taken for this object.—We beg leave to suggest that the wooden building which projects into Court street opposite to Tremont street forms a most unsightly & inconvenient nuisance which will be still more conspicuous and inconvenient to the public when the new street shall have been completed; though they mean not to make the removal of this at the expense of the Town a condition of their proposal, yet they rely with confidence upon the good disposition of the Board in favour of this great public project, that they will not permit the benefit of it to be diminished by the continuance of that building in so unsuitable a place—we shall be ready to attend

the board to confer with them or receive their [**356.**] communications whenever they may think proper, & have the honor to be very respectfully

JOHN BELLOWS, DAVID GREENOUGH, EBEN FRANCIS } Directors of the new Cornhill Corporation.

This letter was also accompanied by a statement of the expenditures which the Corporation had already made in purchasing lands & buildings —also of the names of the persons, proprietors of the estate which is necessary to be obtained to form the street also propositions for purchasing said estate, which the corporation would be willing to accede to—

These papers having been read and considered.—

Voted. That Whereas the Selectmen, expressed their unanimous opinion on the 19th instant, that the street proposed to be made from Court street to Market Square, would be a great public convenience, we now determine that we will lay out said street as soon as convenient, in conformity to the powers committed by law to this board; on the following conditions.

That the Directors of the new Cornhill Corporation shall execute a sufficient bond to the Selectmen, that they will indemnify the Town from all expence in laying out, forming and opening said street.—

[**357.**] That a good & sufficient common sewer be laid through the whole length of said street before any of the lots thereon are offered for sale—and that all vaults, which may happen to come within the limits of the street shall be emptied of their contents, & such vaults and the cellars shall be filled immediately with solid materials.—

Voted. That the following draft of a letter is approved of & that the Chairman be desired to send a copy thereof signed by him to each proprietor of the estate known by the name of Belknap's & Jackson's.

Boston Feb. 22d. 1816.

Sir

The new Cornhill Corporation having been empowered by the Legislature to purchase & hold the land lying between Cornhill & Hanover street for the purpose of forming a new street, to lead from Court street to Market Square; the Selectmen, upon application from said Corporation, have determined to lay out said street in the situation most conducive to the convenience of the inhabitants of the Town. They find that the lines of said street

will include certain lands and buildings [**358.**] belonging to you and a number of other persons in common, which principally owing to the number of the proprietors, the Corporation have not been able to purchase—I am therefore directed by the Selectmen to request and invite you to meet them, at their room in Faneuil Hall on Wednesday the 28th. instant 4 o'clock P.M. in person or by your agent or attorney to consider which of the modes pointed out by law you will adopt, either of private agreement, award of referees or decision of a jury to ascertain the damage which you may sustain by your property being thus taken for public use

in behalf of the Selectmen

Your Obt. Ser

CHARLES BULFINCH

Chairman

Voted, That it would add to the beauty of this improvement, and promote the convenience of the public, & also benefit the proprietors on the new street, to continue the same through a building, the property of the heirs of Wm. Scollay to Tremont street:—the Selectmen hereby agree to pay towards purchasing and removing said building, and adding the land under the same to the public streets, the one half of the expence of purchasing said building—provided that the whole amount of such purchase shall not exceed six thousand dollars.

[**359.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feb. 26. 1816. Present the Whole Board (except Mr. Hartt.)

Passed the Quarterly Accounts.

Mr. Lincoln and Mr. Copeland, Deputy Collectors of taxes, having repeatedly made application for compensation above what had been paid them by the Treasurer & Collector.—The accounts of what they had received & what was due to them for collecting arrears of back taxes were examined; and it was Voted that the board would allow to each of them six hundred dollars per annum for the years 1813 & 1814—which years it is meant to be understood to close in June 1815—they to account for all that they have hitherto received.—The account is on file.—

Warrant was signed for March meeting, for choice of Town officers &c.—

Mr. Eliot to print notifications.—

Rev. Mr. Frothingham to be requested to open the meeting with Prayer.—

[**360.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen February 28th. 1816—Present the Whole Board.—

5 Jurors drawn for District Court of U. S.

On the application of Mr. H. N. Rogers, in behalf of the gentlemen associated at Merchants hall, liberty was granted for them to make use of the lanthorn of the old State house as an observatory, to look out for ships entering the harbour, Mr. Rogers to have the charge of the key, and to be accountable for any damage.

This time having been assigned to meet the proprietors of an estate in Cornhill and Dorsets Alley, which lies within the limits of the contemplated new street.—four of the proprietors appeared and a general conversation ensued on the subject.—They made an offer of said estates for the sum of thirty thousand dollars, but the board could not agree to this offer:—and presented them with a list of twenty names of respectable inhabitants, from whieh to select five as referees.—It was then agreed to adjourn to Friday next P.M. when the proprietors agreed they would select five persons from the list now offered, or would present another list of twelve from which [**361.**] the board should select five.—

Mr Foster was desired to call on Mrs. Scollay, and inform her that the board contemplated laying out the new street over land on which the wooden building now stands in Tremont street,—to endeavour to ascertain from her at what price said land & building ean be obtained—or whether she would prefer to leave the consideration of its value to referees.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 1st. 1816—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Hunnewell, Weld, Lovering, Austin, Williams & Hartt.

The proprietors of the Belknap estate in Cornhill, so called, appeared, agreeably to assignment from the last meeting, and presented a list of twelve persons from which the referees on their estate might be selected. The Selectmen then agreed upon the following persons, taken from the list given in by the proprietors—Mess Samuel H. Walley, Redford Webster, John Carnes, William Todd & Ebenezer Breed.—it was then agreed that the Chairman should prepare the arbitration bonds, & that tomorrow 11. o'clock, the parties would meet to execute them.—

[**362.**] The proprietors of this estate having withdrawn The Chairman presented a draft of a bond of indemnification, from the new Cornhill Corporation.—which being considered, Voted, that the corporation give a bond to indemnify the Town for all

proceedings of the board in opening the street, between Court street & Cornhill—in the sum of fifty thousand dollars.—& that John Bellows, David Greenough & Ebenezer Francis Esqrs give another bond in their private capacity, in the sum of twelve thousand dollars to indemnify against all proceedings on the estate of Scollay, except such part of the expence thereof as the board may determine to defray in behalf of the Town.

Voted, That the Chairman consult P. O. Thacher Esq respecting the framing these bonds, & whether it is not necessary that a vote of the Corporation be taken to empower their directors to enter into such engagements.—

Voted, That the members of the board who may attend the meeting to morrow, be a Committee to sign the arbitration bond in behalf of the Town.—

[**363.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 2d. 1816—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Hunnewell, Weld, Lovering & Hartt.—

The arbitration bonds were signed, as agreed at the meeting of yesterday by Messrs. Bulfinch, Weld, Lovering & Hartt on the part of the Town, and by Mr. Norton of Hingham, & Messrs. Thomas Jackson, J. Belknap & Joseph Tilden of Boston for their proportions of the estates to be taken by appraisement: these gentlemen undertook to present the papers to the other proprietors for their signature.

It was agreed to request the referees to meet on Tuesday next & if convenient to them, that the parties be heard before them on Wednesday afternoon by counsel if either party should prefer it.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 5th. 1816.—Present The whole Board.—

The Chairman presented two Bonds to indemnify the Town from expence, occasioned by the proceedings of the Selectmen in laying out the new proposed street.—these bonds had been examined by William Sullivan Esq, and approved by him and being conformable to the [**364.**] former votes of the board were now accepted.—

Voted, to agree to lay out the proposed new street from Cornhill to Tremont street, in the most convenient direction to unite those streets, and that in addition to the vote of the 21st February last we will pay one half the expence of obtaining the land & building, the property of the heirs of William Scollay over which said street will pass.—

Voted. That the proposed street be laid out and described as follows.—

Beginning on Tremont street at the southeasterly corner of a brick building, the property of the heirs of William Scollay, then to run northerly with the wall of said brick building and across Court street to a point distant easterly seventy feet from the south westerly corner of Brighams house; said house fronting on Court street and Belknaps Alley, so called, from this point to run northerly about one hundred and eighty feet through land of the new Cornhill Corporation, lately purchased from the Union Bank, there making an angle & turning more easterly on a straight line over land of said Corporation purchased from Whitcomb, Claflin, and Tuckerman, to or near the southeasterly corner of the building at the corner of Brattle Alley so called, on Cornhill now belonging to Edward Tuckerman Junr. then [**365.**] turning and measuring for the width of said street forty eight feet leading into Cornhill—then turning and running southerly over land of said Corporation to a point opposite the angle formerly described, then turning on a similar angle and running over land of said Corporation to Court street and being forty eight feet wide in every part; thence across Court street along the easterly end of land of the heirs of William Scollay to Tremont Street. The said street to be called and known by the name of Cheapside.

A Committee consisting of M^{r}. Oliver, Hunnewell & Weld was desired to wait on M^{rs}. Scollay & inform her that the board had laid out the street over her land and to confer with her on the subject of the mode which she would prefer to ascertain the compensation which she should receive.

A Communication was received from Messrs. Barnard & others, referees relating to land taken from M^{r}. Cotting to widen Battery march street: by which it appeared that they had awarded him five hundred dollars in full of all demands.—Ordered that the Town Clerk make a draft on the Town Treasurer for that amount in favor of M^{r}. Cotting.—

[**366.**] The following was omitted at its date May 18th. 1815.—

The Chairman reported that M^{r}. Sullivan had agreed to their proposal for purchasing the land by [the] Court house.—A deed was prepared by him to be signed by the board.

By this deed it was conditioned that the building shall conform in appearance, as much as possible to the buildings opposite belonging to M^{r}. Lowell, that the centre shall be three stories, but the wings both of M^{r}. Sullivans buildings and the Engine house shall never exceed one story in height.

It was agreed to take a note of hand in payment, signed by William Sullivan & indorsed by John^r L & Richard Sullivan payable on demand with interest.—

I Certify that the foregoing is a true Record of the Proceedings of the Selectmen of the Town of Boston from the 2^d. day of January A.D. 1811.—to the 5th. day of March 1816—both days included

Tho' Clark, Town Clerk.

END OF BOOK TWENTY.

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES.

BOOK TWENTY-FIRST.

1816.

[1.] Mr. Abraham Touro applied to the Town Clerk & requested that his religious profession might be recorded on the Town's books—& that he belonged to a Synagogue of the Jews.

[2.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 13th. 1816—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Hunnewell, Lovering, Austin, Bray & Phillips.

32 Jurors were drawn to serve at the Boston Court of Common Pleas.—

This being the first meeting of the Board since the Town meeting for choice of Town officers—

Votes were taken for choice of Chairman, when it appeared that Charles Bulfinch Esq. was unanimously chosen.—

Voted, That the Chairman, Mr. Hunnewell & Mr. Lovering be a Committee to draw up rules & orders for the future regulation of the Board.—

Attested copies of votes were read from the Roxbury Canal Corporation, requesting that a committee might be appointed to settle with them the bounds of the land of the Town and said Corporation.—Voted—That this communication be handed to the committee of the Trustees of Neck land, who have this subject under consideration.—

[3.] The Chairman was desired to have the lists of wards posted conformably to law, and the usual advertisement in the papers on Monday next, & that each Assistant Assessor be furnished with a list of his ward, & be requested to take measures to make it correct.—

A memorial was presented signed by D. Townsend Esq. and others, stating the danger to which their property is exposed, by the twine factory in Boylston street: and requesting that measures

may be taken to prevent the use of lights in the same and the erection of [a] wooden hemp house.—this was committed to Messrs. Hunnewell, Lovering & Austin to communicate with the Fire Wards & report.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 20th. 1816. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Lovering, Austin, Williams & Bray.—

Warrant was signed for Town Meeting for choice of Governour & Senators.—

M^{r}. Lovering was desired to call on Rev. M^{r}. Sharpe, to request him to open the meeting with prayer.

[4.] M^{r}. Eliot to print the notifications.—

The committee chosen at the last meeting to prepare rules & orders for the future regulation of the board, reported, which having been read & amended, were adopted as follows.—

Rules and orders for the Board of Selectmen.

A Chairman shall be chosen annually by written votes, who shall preside at the meetings of the board: the senior member present shall preside in the absence of the Chairman.—

Members shall take their seats alternately, on the right and left of the Chairman: new members chosen by the Town at the same time, to take places in the alphabetical order of their names.

The time of meeting shall be half past three P. M. from March to October, and three o'clock from October to March; and punctual observance of these hours is requested.—

Five members shall be necessary to form a board.—

The majority of votes of members present shall be considered as the act of the Board; but any member may enter his dissent to any measure on the records: and no vote shall be reconsidered by a less number than were present when the same was passed.—

[5.] All appointments to office, made by the board, in conformity to the laws of the State, or to the bye laws of the Town, shall be made by written votes, and at a time assigned for that purpose.—

The Town Clerk shall attend at every meeting of the board, and shall make a record of all the proceedings, and enter the names

of the members present.—In case of the necessary absence of the Town Clerk, a member shall be appointed to take the minutes pro. tempore.

At the opening of each meeting, the Town Clerk shall read the records of the proceedings of the last meeting.—

The monthly drafts of accounts drawn upon the Treasurer shall be examined by a committee of the board, & shall be signed by the Town Clerk and the committee before it is sent to the Treasurer; and no addition shall be made to the draft while in the hands of the Treasurer, unless the same be signed by a majority of the board, in form of an order.—

There shall be standing Committees of the board for the following purposes.

[**6.**] 1st. a Committee of two members to each school; whose duty it shall be, to direct all necessary repairs; to provide the schools with wood, and to certify all bills for work &c.—

2d. A Committee of one to each Watch house, for the same purposes.

3d. A Committee of one to inspect the Hay scales, to attend to repairs and the accounts of the hay weigher.—

4th. A Committee of three, to attend to the Town house; to direct repairs, and report respecting rents.

5th. A Committee of three on the Market; to direct repairs and to attend to the proceedings and accounts of the Clerk of the market.—

6th. A Committee of three to have the care and superintendence of the Neck.—

7th. A Committee of three to have the care of the Common.—

Each member of the Board shall have a portion of the Town assigned to him as his district, in which he shall have the direction and oversight of the streets, and of the repairs necessary to them;—and shall have liberty to undertake and order any work, the expence of which shall not exceed twenty dollars.—but no undertaking which shall exceed that sum, shall be begun or contracted for, without being first laid before the board, [**7.**] and agreed to by vote. And the bills for all work in any district shall be examined and certified by the member superintending the district, before they shall be allowed for payment.

For any work that may be done in the streets which divide the districts, the gentlemen having the care of the districts bordering thereon, shall confer together, and agree upon the same.—

Each gentleman is particularly desired to pay attention in his district to all drains that may be opened, to see that they be laid of proper dimensions; to observe all encroachments and incumbrances of the streets, and to inform the Superintendent of the same, that measures may be taken for their speedy removal; and to suggest such improvements of the streets or foot walks, as are practicable, by a right disposition of the common resources of the Town; and generally to pay attention to the Town slips and lands in his district.

Voted, That the Board be divided into committees as follows.

All West of Middle & North Streets, from Winnesimit ferry to the Mill Creek, to be assigned to Mr. Bray.

All east of the same streets to the Creek—to Mr. Austin.

[8.] Wards N°. 5 & 6 - - - - - - - - - - - to Mr. Phillips
Wards N°. 4 & 7 - - - - - - - - - - - to Mr. Bulfinch
Ward N°. 8 - - - - - - - - - - - - - to Mr. Hunnewell
Ward N°. 9 - - - - - - - - - - - - - to Mr. Williams
Ward N°. 10 - - - - - - - - - - - - - to Mr. Lee
Ward N°. 11 - - - - - - - - - - - - - to Mr. Oliver
Ward N°. 12 - - - - - - - - - - - - - to Mr. Lovering.

That Messrs. Oliver, Lovering & Lee Committee of Neck.—

Messrs. Bulfinch, Hunnewell & Lee Committee of Common.—

Messrs. Lovering, Bray & Phillips Committee of Market.—

Messrs. Austin & Bray Committee on North schools & Watch.—

Messrs. Bulfinch & Phillips—West Schools.

Messrs. Hunnewell & Lee, Center schools & Watch.

Messrs. Oliver & Lovering, South schools & Watch.

Mr. Oliver Committee on Hay scales.

Messrs. Oliver, Hunnewell & Lovering, Committee on Town house.—

Voted, That the Town Clerk notify the masters of the schools of the names of the gentlemen composing the Committee of each

school; that they may know to whom to apply for necessary repairs, wood &c.—

[9.] On the application of Mr. Abel Wheelock, liberty is allowed him of standing with one Hackney Carriage in School street, opposite to the house lately occupied by Dr. Warren;—until the further order of the board.—

Application was received from Mrs. Ridgway, for compensation for land taken to form part of Derne street.—

This subject was considered, and it appeared that Derne street had been laid out about fifteen years—that part of it passed over an open piece of land at the west end of a passageway called Ridgeway's lane, which had been left open more than forty years for the use of the abutters on said passageway.—Voted unanimously, that the opening of Derne street at the west end of this passageway, altho' it passed over the said open land, was a benefit rather than a damage to the estate of Ridgeway, and that the present applicant had no claim upon the Town.

Mr. Ryan applying to hire several pieces of land on the Neck was referred to the Neck Committee who were desired to attend to the subject.

The Committee on the Town house made a statement of the rents of several [10.]—apartments of that house; it was voted, that after the expiration of the present leases, the rents should be as follows.—

for the part occupied by Mr. Barry - - - - - - - $800 pr. Annm.
Ditto - - - - - - by Mr. Rea - - - - - - - - 800—
Do. - - - - - - - - by Gilbert & Dean - - - - 200—
Do. - - - - - - - - by Beal & Hobart - - - - 150—

and that the Town Clerk inform each of the above occupants of the vote relating to his apartment.

Messrs. Lovering & Bray were desired to make inquiry respecting Deer Island, of its value compared with other farms, and to report their opinion of the rent to be required in future.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 27th. 1816.—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Lovering, Austin, Williams, Bray & Phillips.

Passed the Monthly Accounts.

Messrs. William Andrews and Turell Tuttle to be notified to secure their cellars, by a fence on Fish street.—

The Chairman, Mr. Hunnewell and Mr. Lovering a Committee to superintend the work on the new school house.—

[**11.**] The Committee on the memorial of David Townsend & others made the following Report.

The Committee appointed in conjunction with a Committee of the Fire Wards, have attended the duty assigned them—& report that they have met the proprietor of the rope walk & made him fully acquainted with the subject—that his factory is considered in every respect a rope walk, and that he must conform to the laws, provided for the safety of the Town from fire & having lights in ropewalks—and that every offence will be prosecuted by the Firewards.

J. HUNNEWELL p^r. Order.

The foregoing Report was read & accepted.

Return was made to the Hon. Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk, that Daniel T. Lewis is a person non compos mentis, and requesting that a guardian may be appointed for him.—

Messrs. Oliver, Hunnewell & Lovering Committee on Accounts for the present draft.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 3^d. 1816—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Hunnewell, Lovering, Austin, Bray & Phillips.—

Voted, That no person shall be allowed to take sand, gravel or ballast from Deer Island—and that the Chairman be requested to have an advertisement inserted in the news papers, offering a reward for the discovery of any person who shall trespass on the premises.

[**12.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 8th. 1816. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Lovering, Williams & Phillips.—

This was a special meeting for the purpose of receiving the return of the award of referees on the estate of Belknap & Jackson and others—the Chairman presented two executions against the Town—one for the amount awarded to Messrs. Norton & Jackson for the house on Dorsets Alley—being ten thousand & costs.—the other to Norton & others for the house on Cornhill for twenty three thousand five hundred dollars & costs.—Voted, That the Town Clerk draw a warrant on the town treasurer in the form directed by M^r. Thacher, in favour of each of the proprietors of said estates, and for their respective proportions—and that the Chairman & M^r. Phillips be a Committee to inspect the draft and certify the same.—

[13.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 10th. 1816—Present the whole Board.—(except Mr. Lee.)

Mr. Thomas Welsh's application respecting land in Court street, was committed to Messrs. Hunnewell & Lovering.

Mr. Phillips a Committee to settle with Mr. Foster respecting Mr. Brookers donation & to receive the papers of him—Also to settle with Mr. Weld respecting land sold Odin & to receive all monies in his hands for rent of house & land in Union street.

Mr. Selfridge to be informed that the Board consider him no longer a tenant, and wish him to remove his books &c from the office lately occupied by him, in [the] Town house.—

The Neck Committee report—That they have let the two circular malls on the Neck to Mr. Ryan at twelve dollars each per annum.—that Mr. Bridge having occupied the same for three years past at ten dollars each, the Treasurer is desired to collect the same, amounting to sixty dollars.—

The next weekly meeting assigned for coming to the choice of such officers annually chosen, as the board shall be disposed to proceed upon.

[14.] Mr. Messinger having been notified that the rent of the rooms occupied by him in the old State House would be $300 —per annum, & he having declined acceding to the terms proposed, he is to be notified to quit the premises at the expiration of the present quarter.
(N. B. Mr. Messenger was notified.—

Voted, That the money raised by subscription in the different wards for the defence of the Town, & remaining in the hands of the Treasurer, be appropriated for repairs on the Common.—

Pursuant to a precept from [the] Hon. Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk, inquisition was made into the circumstances of Mrs. Jemima Mc. Mellon, widow, & return was made that she was a person non. compos mentis, and recommended that a guardian be appointed for her.—

Boston, ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 17th. 1816. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Lovering, Austin, Williams & Phillips.—

Benjamin Whitwell Esq. agent of the Kennebeck Bridge informed the board, that an assessment of ten dollars on each share, had been laid, for rebuilding that bridge; and applied for the assessment on sixteen shares & one half, the property of the Town;

being part of the donation [**15.**] of the late Abiel Smith Esq.— On considering the subject, the board being of opinion, that the property in this bridge could never be productive to the Town, Voted, that M^r^. Whitwell be informed that we do not think it expedient to pay the assessment.—

Henry Codman Esq. appeared in behalf of M^rs^. Scollay, to confer with the board on the measures to be adopted for ascertaining her damages for her land & building taken to make an opening into the new street; after some conversation on the subject, it was proposed that the damages should be determined by five referees, & in selecting them two persons should be taken from a list of twelve to be presented by M^rs^. Scollay, two from a list of twelve to be presented by the Cornhill Corporation, and one person chosen at large by the Selectmen.

Application was received from M^r^. L. Tappan in behalf of the occupants of stores in Broad street, requesting an additional watch at their expence for the protection of that street & those adjacent. Voted, that the board will take measures to organize, such addition to the watch, and give them the powers of watchmen; the same being under the direction of Capt. Brewer and to be paid by the gentlemen applying for them.

The Committee of the Town house reported that they had leased the office lately occupied by M^r^. Selfridge, to M^r^. William Parker at one hundred & fifty dollars per annum to commence from the 13th. instant.

[**16.**] The Committee to consider the application of T. Welsh Esq. respecting land in Court street, opposite Concert hall, reported as follows,—The Committee appointed on the application of M^r^. Welsh to erect a building more than nine feet high as stipulated in the deed of said land having viewed the premises, give as our opinion that the prayer of the petitioner cannot be granted without interfering with the rights of others already established;—which report was accepted.—

John Welles Esqr. having been notified to repair [the] side walk in front of his land by Boylston market, stated in writing his intention of building on that land, and that any expence on the side walk at present would be lost to him, Voted, That M^r^. Welles be allowed to the 1st. July before the repair of the said walk should be required of him.—

The Chairman reported the hayweighers account, examined & found correct for the quarter ending April 1st.—

This time being assigned for choice of officers—the following persons were chosen by ballot to serve one year.—

Mr. Samuel Phillips—hay weigher—Messrs. John Parker & Joseph Lovering, sureties.—

Mr. Nathl. Merriam—Clerk of Market.

Mr. Richard Austin—Sealer of weights & measures.

Mr. Caleb Loring Jur.—Sealer of Lighters, for sand, gravel & ballast.

[17.] The Chairman was desired to publish an advertisement to prevent the defacing and injuring of fences, &c.—

The application of the Company of Sargents that the armoury formerly used by them and appropriated during the war to the Cadets might be restored to them—was committed to Mr. Lovering, to enquire of the Commander of the Cadets the circumstances attending this armoury, & whether it was now necessary for them.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 18th. 1816.—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Lovering, Austin, Williams, Bray & Phillips.—

This special meeting was called to consider the representation made by the workmen engaged in digging a well at the north east corner of Faneuil Hall.—They stated that the ground having been boxed last fall and the well sunk to the depth of about 30 feet had been left full of salt water during the winter;—that a few days since they had commenced pumping out the water, to resume the work—that when the water was nearly all taken out, it was followed by a large quantity of quick sand, mixed with the water contained in the ground outside of the boxing, which flowed [18.] in as fast as they attempted to take it out: and they were apprehensive as this sand came from under the bed of clay on which the boxing was placed, that the tide would soon find admittance to the cellars of Faneuil Hall, or even that the north east corner of the building would be endangered.—Voted unanimously that altho the obtaining a good well in this situation would be very desirable, that under the present discouragements, the workmen be directed to fill the well as speedily as possible with solid earth or gravel.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 24th. 1816. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Lovering, Austin, Williams, Bray & Phillips.—

4 Grand Jurors & 4 Petit Jurors were drawn for Circuit Court.—

Mr. Charles Cleveland approved as an Auctioneer.

George Sullivan Esq. was unanimously chosen to deliver an Oration on the 4th. July next.—

On the application for the repair of Lynn street, Mr. Austin & Mr. Bray were appointed a Committee to confer with Samuel Brown Esq. proprietor of the water lots on said street.—

Mr. Phillips reported that he [**19.**] had received from Mr. Foster the papers respecting Mrs. Brookers donation and the balance in his hands & had given him a discharge therefor.

Mr. Lovering one of the Committee for the Common in place of Mr. Lee.

A draft of a letter to the President & directors of New Cornhill Corporation was presented by the Chairman, on the subject of the engagements entered into by the board on the 5th. March last, relative to Mrs. Scollays building—the same having been repeatedly read, and amended, the Town Clerk was desired to prepare a copy thereof and send to the directors to-morrow.—The draft is on file of mixed papers.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 29th. 1816—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Hunnewell, Austin, Williams, Bray & Phillips.

Passed the Monthly accounts.

The Committee on Lynn street—reported—That they had conferred with Samuel Brown Esq. on the subject of repairing that street—and that he consented that gravel might be taken from the hill, and stones from the inner wall to repair the said street in front of his land—the report is on file.

[**20.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 1st. 1816.—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Lovering, Austin, Williams, Bray & Phillips.—

Closed the Monthly draft.

Messrs. Frink Roberts, Elam Bliss, and Benjamin Seaver (of the house of Whitwell & Bond) were appointed auctioneers.—

Messrs. Hunnewell, Lovering & Austin a Committee to consider what measures should be taken to deepen the well at the corner of Kilby street, or otherwise to make it useful to the inhabitants.—

Whereas a sum of money is now deposited in the hands of the Town Treasurer; being the unexpended balance of the money

raised by subscription in 1814, for the defence of the Town :— and, Whereas the necessity of using such money for the purpose for which it was subscribed has happily been removed, by the return of Peace, and the Selectmen are desirous of appropriating the balance to some object of general utility.—Voted, That in the opinion of the Selectmen, no appropriation of such remaining balance could be made, which would be more conducive to the general convenience of the inhabitants, more gratifying to the subscribers, or better calculated to recall to the recollections of our fellow citizens, the patriotic exertions made in the time of alarm and danger, than to dispose of the same for the improvement of the Common, to beautify and adorn which, would promote the general comfort [**21.**] health and convenience and add greatly to the ornament of the Town.—

Voted, That Messrs. Bulfinch, Hunnewell & Lovering be a Committee to superintend the improvements and ornament of the Common; that they be empowered to expend for this purpose, the above mentioned balance now in the hands of the Town Treasurer.

Voted, That the Committee be empowered to make drafts upon the Treasurer to the amount of the above balance, in payment to workmen—and that the Treasurer be desired to pay the said orders, and pass the same to an account distinct from other Town charges.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 8th. 1816— Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Lovering, Austin, Williams, Bray & Phillips.—

Warrant was signed for Town Meeting on the 16th. instant, for choice of Representatives to the next General Court.

M^r^. Bray was requested to call on Rev. M^r^. Winchel & desire him to open the meeting with prayer.
M^r^. Eliot to print the notifications.

Voted, That no person be allowed to take sand or any kind of ballast from Deer Island until the further order of the board.

[**22.**] M^r^. Benjamin Winslow was approved as an auctioneer in company with M^r^. George G. Channing.

An application from a number of the gentlemen of the bar was received, recommending that a copy should be obtained of the first volume of Town Records—Committed to Messrs. Oliver, Hunnewell & Phillips.—

A Conference was had with a Committee from the Board of Health, to advise respecting a place to deposit the day dirt—

Committed to Messrs. Lovering, Bray and Phillips, to consider the subject in conjunction with the Board of Health Committee & report.

A Communication was received from Ward N. Boylston Esq.— requesting that measures might be taken by the board or the Town to bring to a close the town's claims upon him—Committed to Messrs. Bulfinch & Phillips, who were desired to advise with Mr. Prescott on this subject & report.

Application was received from a number of persons residing in Leverett street and its neighbourhood, requesting that a new street should be laid out to connect Wiltshire street with Leverett street, through land late of Joseph Russell Esq. and which is now for sale.—
Messrs. Hunnewell, Phillips and Williams a Committee thereon to view & report.—

[**23.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 15th. 1816—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Lovering, Austin, Williams, Bray & Phillips.—

Whereas the care and control of the Common has ever been confided to the Selectmen by votes of the Town; The Board now think proper that whatever arrangements are made with the Board of Health respecting the disposal of dirt or any substance on any part of the Common should be under regulations in writing mutually understood and agreed upon by both boards; The Selectmen accordingly appoint—The Committee of the Common in conjunction with a Committee from the board of health to consider the regulations and restrictions necessary & to report the same to be consented to by both boards.—

Messrs. Austin, Lovering & Hunnewell a Committee to attend to the representation of Mr. Hatch respecting the drain in Cross street, which now admits the sea water into his cellar, also to the passageway between land of said Hatch & Mr. Barnes.—the same Committee was desired to view a suitable place for a bridge from Cross street to Union street—to consider what width of bridge was necessary & report.

[**24.**] A letter was received from [the] President and Directors of New Cornhill Corporation, in answer to the letter of the board of 24 ultimo the same having been considered, it was agreed to send in reply a letter, proposing several modes of adjusting the present subject of difference—this letter is as follows.—

Gentlemen

We have received your letter of the 13th instant, but forbear from answering the arguments and statements therein

contained, because we would avoid unpleasant discussion with gentlemen whom we personally respect, and to whose projects of improvement we wish the fullest success.

We still indulge the hope, that by an amicable adjustment of the present difference, we may in future proceed with mutual satisfaction, in advancing yours and the public interest—We must however refer you to our former letter for the determination which we have adopted; it was made deliberately, and nothing in your communication has led us to consider it incorrect.—One thing only we would remark upon, that you persist in valuing M^rs. Scollays property at 5000 dollars at the time your operations commenced;—now it is well known that the rents of the wooden building have been about 800 dollars p^r annum during the war, which will give some idea of the value of the capital.—

In hopes to adjust the business, we now offer to your choice some other modes of settlement.

[25.] 1st. That the new street should be reduced two feet in width, which will leave it of ample dimensions, and will give you 900 feet of land for sale; which at the rate you have already sold will produce 20,000 dollars, or even at half price will give 10,000. which will go far toward paying for M^rs. Scollays land.

2^d. We will agree that the referees who shall be chosen to estimate the damages to M^rs. Scollay, shall consider the advantages which the Corporation and the Town will derive from taking down her building, and adding her land to the street; and shall decide what proportion of the expence the Town shall pay; for we are fully of opinion, that the Town and its officers ought to be content to leave such a question to the persons to whom individuals are compelled to refer their claims for property forcibly taken for public use.

3^d. That you should make application to the Town, at the next Town meeting, to take measures for removing M^rs. Scollays buildings, and connecting Tremont street with your new street.—

If you adopt this mode, we must have your application for the purpose before Monday next, when the warrant for the Town meeting will be prepared. But we beg leave to state that we consider by thus referring the subject to the Town, all our votes and proceedings relative to M^rs. Scollays property will be cancelled: for after that, we can act only as we are ordered.—

[26.] or 4th.—as there are gentlemen in your Corporation of great & deserved influence in the Legislature, that they should have the law so amended, that power may be given to proper persons, to assess on neighbors who are benefited, their proportion of the expense of such improvements; this is the case in New York, and is the most equitable mode that can be devised.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 20th. 1816—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Lovering, Austin & Phillips.—

The Selectmen having agreed that an experiment on trial should be made, of putting the day dirt of the Town at the bottom of the Common; the following regulations concerning the same are adopted.

That a trench be dug in a situation agreed upon by the Committees of the Selectmen & Board of Health, in which the contents of the carts shall be deposited.

That one person shall be employed by the Board of Health, to cover said dirt & filth with clean earth or gravel: and when the ditch first dug shall be filled, that another shall be dug where directed by the Committees, and the same method observed in filling it.—

That the drivers of the carts & the person employed to cover the trenches be enjoined [**27.**] not to suffer any of the filth to be laid on the surface of the ground.

That in case this mode of disposing of the dirt should be found displeasing to the inhabitants, or in any wise objectionable by the Selectmen—that the board of health will immediately desist from placing it there.—

That it be recommended that M^r. Phillips the hay weigher be employed to superintend the work.—

On the application of Messrs. William Wyman & Benjamin West, they have liberty to open the ground in Orange street for the purpose of extending the common sewer to their houses.

Messrs. Williams & Stone having engaged in building a new store at the corner of Flagg Alley on State street, Voted, That they have liberty to shut up the alley until their building shall be raised one story from the ground, and also to enclose the foot walk in front of their building & the alley, for depositing their building materials.

Return was signed of the gentlemen chosen by the Town on the 16th. instant to represent them in the General Court.—

Warrant was signed for Town Meeting for transactions of money concerns.—

[**28.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 22^d. 1816—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Hunnewell, Lovering, Austin & Bray.—

The Committee appointed to view the mill pond respecting the bridges over the creek, reported that they had viewed the creek & were of opinion that one bridge was necessary to be erected immediately in the situation leading from Cross street toward Union street; and that the same bridge should be forty feet wide, to answer the necessity of the public convenience at the present moment.—

The report was accepted & the Chairman desired to communicate the same to the Directors of the Mill pond Corporation.—

Several complaints having been made against the practice of firing India crackers and other small fire works in the streets; the Chairman was desired to insert an advertisement in the papers, calling upon the citizens to give their aid in stopping these dangerous practices—& also to offer a reward for the detection of persons who wantonly disfigure houses & fences.

The form of an arbitration bond between the board & the directors of the new Cornhill [**29.**] Corporation relative to the proportion of M^rs^. Scollays land & building to be paid for by the Town, was presented as prepared by M^r^. Thacher & approved.

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen May 27, 1816. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Lovering, Austin, Williams & Phillips.

Passed the Quarterly Accounts.—

List of names of gentlemen proposed as referees to value M^rs^. Scollays land and building, was received from the New Cornhill Corporation. The Chairman was desired to hand the list to M^r^. Codman that M^rs^. Scollay might select two—and that she might propose a list of twelve for their selection of two.—

Next Wednesday week was assigned for coming to the choice of such officers as may be wanting.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 5th. 1816—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Lovering, Austin & Williams.

A majority of the board not being present at this meeting, no business was transacted.—

[**30.**] Boston ss At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 7th. 1816.—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Lovering, Austin, Williams & Phillips.—

5 Jurors were drawn for the U. S. District Court.

M^r^. Melcher applied for liberty to open & repair the common sewer in North street; & the proprietors having been notified thereof;—liberty is given to proceed to open, cleanse or new lay the same, as shall be found necessary.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 12th. 1816.—Present

—The Whole Board—

34 Jurors were drawn for Court of Common Pleas.—

In pursuance of two precepts from [the] Hon. Judge of Probate for [the] County of Suffolk—inquisition was made into the circumstances of William Jackson—and of John White; & return was made that they were persons non compos,—and recommendation that guardians should be appointed for them.—

[**31.**] The Committee chosen to consider the expediency of providing a fair copy of the 1st. Vol: of Town records; reported their opinion, that they would advise, that the copy of that volume lately made by Mr. Shaw should be purchased, and kept with the other Town Records, if it could be obtained for one hundred dollars.—the report was considered & accepted.

In consequence of a law passed at the last session of the legislature, directing the choice of weighers of beef &c Mr. Lemuel Spear was chosen to that office for South Boston.

The several measurers of wood from the country having petitioned to be appointed sealers of wood brought by water, for reasons set forth in their petition—it was Voted, that the present measurers viz Mr. Nathaniel Glover, Moses Hadley Jur, Thomas Christy, James Wilson & Joshua Butters should be appointed sealers of wood on the wharves, to be ready to attend to that duty, whenever called for, by the purchaser or seller of wood and not otherwise.

An order of notice having appeared in the public papers respecting some alterations of the Charter of the Boston [**32.**] and Roxbury Mill Corporation. The Town Clerk was directed to hand a copy of the vote of the Town to the Committee chosen by the Town to attend to its rights in this respect; that they may appear before the Committee of the General Court in behalf of the Town.

Mr. Lovering having reported, that Mr. Isaac Spear had offered $300—for the materials of the house on the Neck lately recovered by execution from the assignees of John Coates.—Mr. Lovering was empowered to make a bill of sale of the same and take a note from the purchaser payable in one year with interest, to be delivered to the Town Treasurer.—

Great complaints having been made of the irregularity in the time of the clocks of Boston, Cambridge & Salem, the Chairman was desired to invite Hon. Mr. Bowditch and Professor Farrar to agree upon a mode of drawing accurate meridian lines in those three places, that their time may, in future, be uniform: and that public meridian lines may be drawn in one or more suitable places in this Town, open to the view of the citizens.

[33.] Mr. Alexander H. Gibbs was approved as an auctioneer.

A number of the inhabitants of Federal street, having experienced great inconvenience from the water in heavy rains being discharged from that street and Franklin place through the sink in front of the theatre, and having proposed that the pavement should be raised to convey the water over ground into Milk street; The Chairman reported that he had employed correct workmen to take the levels of the street: and they had found that to raise the street, to give it a descent of half an inch in ten feet would raise the pavement 3 feet 1½ inches above the top of the stone sink;—that this measure would compel the abutters to descend by steps to their yards, and would prevent the water running from them into the street, and therefore the proposed alteration was not practicable.—

The Board having been called to view Beacon street to determine the line of the new fence on that street on the side of the Common—referred the subject to Messrs. Austin & Phillips, to confer with the abutters [34.] and report.—

The Committee now reported that they had agreed with the abutters that the fence should be set in a line to make the street fifty feet wide, not to include the land which they had given to the street in front of their houses—The Chairman was desired to direct the workmen to place the fence fifty feet from the columns of the houses of Messrs. Cotton, Benjamin & Tuttle.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 19th. 1816—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Lovering, Austin, Bray & Phillips.—

Sealed papers were received from the Cornhill Corporation & from Mr. Codman, agent to Mrs. Scollay, being opened it appeared that Mrs. Scollay had made choice of Daniel Sargent Esq. & Richard Sullivan Esq. & that the Directors had chosen Joseph Head and Allen Crocker Esqrs. and the Board having agreed to Thomas H. Perkins Esq. The Chairman was desired to inform these gentlemen of their nomination & to request them to attend on Monday next at half past 4 o'clock.—

A Petition signed by all the occupants [35.] of stores in State street was presented by a Committee requesting that measures might be taken to regulate the trucks in that street, & to prevent the street being crowded by the great number that now stand there.—The gentlemen having withdrawn, the law regulating trucks was read & considered sufficient & the Chairman was desired to take measures that the rules should be strictly complied with.

A complaint was presented against the state of the sink in Prince street, being subject to be choked in heavy rains, which occasioned the street to be overflowed; and proposing that some person should be employed to keep the grates clear for delivery of the water.—It was agreed that M^r. Charles Lincoln should be employed to attend to the sink & to keep it clear—and that he be paid five dollars a year for this service—until the further order of the board.—

[**36.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 24th. 1816. Present Mess Bulfinch, Hunnewell, Lovering, Austin & Williams.

Passed the Monthly Accounts.

Thomas H. Perkins Esq. being obliged to be absent on a journey, declined serving on the reference respecting M^rs. Scollay's land—It was agreed that Daniel D. Rogers Esq. be requested to act in his place.

The Chairman was appointed a Committee to sign the arbitration agreements respecting said land & building, on the part of the board.—

Boston ss. As a Meeting of the Selectmen June 26th. 1816—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Lovering, Austin, Williams & Phillips.—

Closed the monthly draft.—

Whereas liberty has been granted to Messrs. William Wyman & Benj^a. West, to lay a new drain or common sewer in Orange street: and they having made return that the same has been completed [**37.**] and having exhibited the accounts thereof which amount to one hundred & fifty one dollars—the same having been found correct are allowed and assessment ordered on the several persons whose private drains are connected with said common sewer in proportion as follows

William Wyman 1, Benj West 1, Mess Cheevers 1, Estate of Hopestill Foster 1, M^r. Downey 1 share, each $30.20, and Messrs. William Wyman and Benjamin West are hereby empowered to demand & receive the same & to give discharges therefor.—

CHARLES BULFINCH
EBEN^R. OLIVER
JON^A. HUNNEWELL
JOSEPH LOVERING
JOSEPH AUSTIN
ROB^T. WILLIAMS
JOHN BRAY
TURNER PHILLIPS
} Selectmen of Boston.

Several persons having applied for the privilege of printing the oration to be delivered on the 4th. July, it was agreed that the same be granted to Mr. Stebbins.—

[38.] The Chairman was desired to employ the constables to preserve order in the Common on 4th. July, and to direct the bells of the several places of public worship to be rung from half past 6. o'clock to 7 in the morning of that day.

A Committee from the proprietors of [the] Old South Church attended to complain of the disorderly passing of carriages during the time of service on Sundays.—The Chairman was desired to publish the law in this respect; and the gentlemen were assured, that if they would return the names of offenders with proper evidence, prosecution should be entered against them.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 3d. 1816.—Present the Whole Board.

Return was made by Mr. Levi Melcher of the expence of repairing the drain in North street, the account whereof being duly examined by the Selectmen was by them allowed; they being informed at the same time that all persons concerned in said drain had been notified according to law and that no objection had been made.—Assessment was now made, an order of payment was passed by the Selectmen as follows viz. Whereas a drain or common [39.] sewer has been laid in North street conformably to the directions of the Selectmen, the whole expence whereof amounts to four hundred & three dollars and thirty five cents, which expence is to be borne by such persons whose drains enter therein & receive benefit thereby.—Wherefore We the Subscribers Selectmen of the said Town of Boston certify that having considered the same expence and by whom and in what manner it ought to be paid *Do Adjudge* that the same be paid in the proportion following and by the persons hereafter named.—viz.—

James Sherman, Lewis Leland, N. C. Bangs, John D. Howard, Jur., Stephen Shelton, Amos Binney, —— Cogswell, John Tuckerman, Capt. Benja. Smith, William Late, Mrs. Holland, Levi Melcher, John Ripley, Joseph Adams, Edward Oliver, [40.] Henry J. Oliver, Samuel ——, William Trefrey, Mrs. —— Adams, Capt. Webber, Saml Hastings, Louis Lincoln, William Marsh, William Collins, —— Low, Andrew Drummond, Wm Woodward, William Bell Ju, Moses Grant, Noah Lincoln, Nathl. Bishop, Josiah Snelling, Lincoln & Gillespie, Benja. Fullerton, Jacob Hiler, William Collier, John Howe, Estate of —— Leach, Estate of Jas. Harrison, Redford Webster, Mr. Adams agent to Cartwright, —— Callender, Saml. Hastings, Edward Whitman, Saml. Winslow, each, $5.53.

Benjamin Jarvis, Samuel Parkman, Josiah C. Rainsford, M^rs^. Ward, W^m^. Fales (Agent), Joseph Chandler, Estate of Capt. Simmonds, John Leatherbee, Joseph Batson, each, $11.6.

Benj^a^. Fuller, John D. Howard, each, $16.59.

Daniel Malcolm, $8.30.

Jonathan Fowle, $13.83.

And we do hereby empower M^r^. Levi Melcher to demand and receive the same and to give discharges therefor.

signed by the whole board.—

[41.] A number of the abutters on Beacon street attended, respecting the position of the new fence between that street and the Common; after conversing on the subject, it was agreed, that the new fence should be continued in a straight line with that already set to the south of the steps fronting Belknap street;— provided that the proprietors of land on Beacon street would agree to give one hundred dollars towards the expence of filling the street to the fence, & would engage in writing to widen their side walk & complete the same in two years, to the satisfaction of the Selectmen; and also pave a gutter along the same, without expence to the Town.—

The following persons were approved as auctioneers—viz.— Saml. L. Abbot, James A. Allen, Francis Amory, Saml. Blagge, George Bond, Elam Bliss, James Bourguin, Joseph Burdakin, Stephen Brown, Lemuel Blake, Thomas Battelle, Thomas Clark, Cornelius Coolidge, Gilman Callamore, Geo. G. Channing, W^m^. Cochran, Saml. F. Coolidge, Phineas Capen, Martin Clap, Charles Cleaveland, Jos. L. Cunningham, Saml. Cabot, Joseph Cabot, W^m^. Dehon, Geo. L. Deblois, Rich^d^. Edwards, [42.] Charles Edwards, David M. Eaton, David Forsaith, Silas Field, William Gridley Ju^r^., Alex^r^. H. Gibbs, Daniel Hearsey, Caleb Hayward, Rich^d^. H. Hough, Charles Head, W^m^. Hartwell, John Jutan, Tho. K. Jones, Ch^s^. H. Jones, Fred^k^. W. Ingraham, Charles Lerow, Philip Marett, John Minchin, David Marston, George Noble, Jacob Peabody, Elisha Parks, Luther Parks, Asahel Plimpton, John Perkins, Saml. Prince, Henry J. Oliver, John P. Orcutt, Joseph Ripley, Frink Roberts, Frink Stratton, Ben^ja^. Seaver, W^m^. Tucker, John Tyler, Joseph Titcomb, Saml. Whitwell, Nathl. H. Whitaker, Benj^a^. Winslow, John White, John Winslow Jr., J. Chas. Willis Ju^r^. Henry White.

[43.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 10th. 1816—Present Mess Bulfinch, Lovering, Austin, Williams & Phillips.—

Return was made by M^r^. John Gore of the expence of repairing the drain in Park street, the account whereof being duly examined by the selectmen was by them allowed they being informed at the same time, that all persons concerned in said

drain had been notified according to law & that no objection had been made.—Assessment was now made, an order of payment was passed by the Selectmen as follows Viz. Whereas a drain or common sewer has been laid in Park street conformably to the directions of the Selectmen, the whole expence whereof amounts to sixty two dollars & seventy five cents, which expence is to be borne by such persons whose drain enter therein & receive benefit thereby,—Wherefore, We the Subscribers, Selectmen of the said Town of Boston certify that having considered the same expence & by whom & in what manner it ought to be paid, *Do Adjudge* that the same be paid in the proportion following & by the persons hereafter named—Viz^{t}

Townsend (Estate occupied by Mrs. Jenks,	$7.85
Estate of Saml. Dexter Esqr. dec^{d}.	7.85
Ditto lately occupied by T. O. Selfridge Esqr. dec^{d}.	7.85
R. G. Amory Esqr.	7.85
William Payne Esqr.	7.85
Christopher Gore Esqr. (occupied by M^{r}. Hubbard	7.85
Miss Payne's	7.85
Jonathan Amory	7.85

[**44.**] And We do hereby authorize & empower M^{r}. Samuel Dennis to demand and receive the same & to give discharges therefor.—

Signed by all the members present.—

A number of Innholders appeared with S. D. Parker Esq. to object to any innholders license being granted to small dealers or occupants of cellars, upon principle of injury to the public, and particular damage to them, who are obliged by law to be provided & furnished for travelers & others.—

The occupants of the building of M^{rs}. Scollay, lately determined to be taken down, appeared & stated that they had been warned to leave said building in one week.—they stated that the notice was too short to allow of their obtaining other places convenient for their business—and also that they had claims for compensation for the unexpired term of their leases & for the damage and inconvenience which they would sustain by removing.—

Adjourned to meet tomorrow.—

At a Meeting Thursday—

The Board met according to Adjournment, and several of the directors of Corhnill Corporation were present. it was agreed by them, that in order to have the building of M^{rs}. Scollay taken down without delay they would give two hundred dollars which

they were to receive from G. Greene Esq. that they would relinquish all [45.] claim to the building & would pay two-thirds of such other expence of removing the tenants as the Selectmen should find unavoidable. Mr. Oliver & Mr. Hunnewell were appointed a Committee to agree upon terms with the tenants—and it was directed that the building be advertised for sale on Thursday next 18th. instant, to be removed without delay.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 17th. 1816—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Lovering, Austin, Williams, Bray & Phillips.—

A remonstrance having been received, signed by a large number of the manufacturers of hats in this town, objecting to the appointment of Frink Roberts as an auctioneer; the subject was considered at this time;—Mr. Roberts & his counsel were present to answer the objections against him.—It having appeared to the board that no unfair or improper conduct was imputed to him in prosecuting his business, but that the objection arose wholly from his selling hats by retail.—It was determined to renew his license for the present year.—

[46.] Objections having been made, at the last meeting by a number of Innholders against licenses for sale of mixed liquors being given to occupants of small shops and cellars.—a number of persons of that description now appeared, and by their counsel stated the necessity of such licenses being granted, particularly about the market—and to such persons as had conducted with good order.—A respectable Committee was also present from the Society to check the progress of intemperance; who requested that the board would use their utmost caution in granting licenses, and not extend the privilidge of selling spirits to improper persons.—

10 Jurors were drawn for Sup. Jud. Court.

The Committee appointed for the purpose reported that they had agreed with the occupants of Mrs. Scollays building upon the terms on which they would immediately leave the rooms occupied by them—And the Treasurer having informed the board that the Treasurer of the new Cornhill Corporation had agreed to pay him the amount awarded to be paid by them—The Chairman & Mr. Phillips were chosen a Committee to arrange with the Town Clerk the draft on the Treasurer in favour of Mrs. Scollay & others, previous to the sale of the building advertised to take place tomorrow.—

[47.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 24th. 1816.—

Present the whole Board.—

Return was made by M^r. Noah Lincoln of the expence of repairing the drain in Robinsons Alley, the account whereof being duly examined by the Selectmen was by them allowed; they being informed at the same time that all persons concerned in said drain had been notified according to law and that no objection had been made. Assessment was now made, an order of payment was passed by the Selectmen as follows viz.—Whereas a drain or common sewer has been laid in Robinsons Alley conformably to the directions of the Selectmen the whole expence whereof amounts to one hundred & sixty five dollars and fifty cents, which expence is to be borne by such persons whose drains enter therein & receive benefit thereby.—Wherefore We the Subscribers Selectmen of the said Town certify that having considered the same expence and by whom and in what manner it ought to be paid *Do Adjudge* that the same be paid in the proportion following and by the persons hereafter named.—viz.—

Isaac Fowle, William Collier, John Jackson & Wife, Joseph Batson, John Howe, Jacob Hiler, John Jarvis, for M^rs. Larabee, Moses Grant, Noah Lincoln, M^r. Bishop, Josiah Snelling, John Howard, Robert Gillespie, Thomas Holt, Christopher Lincoln, each $9.20.

[**48.**] Hannah Cartwright, $18.40.

Ebenezer White, $\frac{2}{3}^{ds}$ $6.13.

Seth Lathrop, $\frac{1}{3}^{d}$ $3.7.

And We hereby authorize and empower M^r. Noah Lincoln to demand and receive the same & to give discharges therefor.—

Signed by seven members of the Board.

The Chairman was empowered to propose to the Court of Sessions, that the steps in front of the Court House should be taken down, & other steps built inside the door, at the expence of the Town, provided they would give the materials of the present steps, to be used in the mall or otherwise at the disposal of the board.—

[**49.**] The following persons were appointed Constables for the year ensuing, and their sureties approved.—viz.

Thomas Stevenson - - -	Tho' Jr & Wm Stevenson
Elisha Copeland - - - -	John Perry & Jn°. Gibson
Moses Thayer - - - - -	John Minchin & James Liswell
Solomon Twist - - - - -	Wm Simonds & Amos Penniman
William Tupper - - - -	John Gibson & John Howe N° 2.
William Brooks - - - -	M. Wallach & Lem^l. Babcock
James Perkins - - - - -	Ja^s. Williams & Jonas Green
Jonathan Prescott - - -	John Barnard & Francis A. Foxcroft
Wm Dinsmore - - - - -	Wm Cochran & David S. Eaton
George Reed - - - - - -	Fra. Garaux & Martin Burr
George Jackson - - - -	Caleb Whiting & John Loring
Thomas Holden - - - -	Augustus O. Barton & Oliver Downing

Wendell R. Barker - - - Shu[l]. Bell & Peter Dickerman
Ben. C. Stevenson - - - Sh. Bell & Tho Stevenson J
Andrew Sanborn - - - - Ja[s]. Birchstead & Horace Dupee
Samuel Holmes - - - - - Peter Bicknell & Jas. Farrar
David Rixford - - - - - W. P. Whiting & Eph Whitney
David Rixford was appointed Sep[r]. 11th.—

[**50.**] M[r]. Bray was desired to call on William Minot Esq. Clerk of Mill Corporation to enquire what measures have been taken for building the bridge over the Mill Creek to lead from Cross street to Union street, and to urge the necessity of its being done immediately.—

On the applcation of the abutters on the street near Rowes & Fosters wharves— Mess Oliver, Hunnewell & Lovering were appointed a committee to view the street for regulating the foot walks, and determine the extent to be paved, according to the appropriation of four hundred dollars, granted last year for that purpose.—

Mess[rs]. Hunnewell & Williams a committee to view the oyster house near the place where Olivers Dock formerly terminated, to determine the right of the present owner to build any addition to the westerly end of said building.—

Mess[rs]. Bulfinch & Lovering a committee to view the land on Court street now owned by Tho[s]. Welsh Esq. to consider his request for liberty to build arches under the hill—& to report the particulars of the extent of his ground &c.

[**51.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 29th. 1816.—Present
The whole Board.—

Passed the Monthly accounts.—

On an application from a large number of persons resident at the south part of the Town.—the Chairman & M[r]. Lovering were desired to view Castle street, to ascertain the expence of filling that part which crosses the dock & of making it passable from Orange street to Front street.

Propositions being received respecting the expediency of making the corner lot of the new street, to range in a straight line with the front of Cornhill the board agreed to view the ground, and then voted that they would grant five hundred dollars, if the Corporation or any individual would have the west side of Cornhill made straight—by taking down and rebuilding the store of M[r]. Hurd and adding to Cornhill as much of the corner lot as would be necessary for this purpose.—

[52.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 31st. 1816.—

Present the whole Board.—

Closed the Monthly draft.

On the application of Mr. Edward Tuckerman Junr. The Chairman, Mr. Hunnewell & Mr. Phillips were desired to view the alley leading from Cornhill to Brattle square; and to consider the expediency of altering the direction of that passageway to accommodate the new line of the street to be made by the new buildings which are immediately to be built at the entrance of the new street.—

Whereas it is of importance that the west side of Cornhill towards Dock square should be made on a straight line, and the same can be effected by taking a small portion of land from the estate owned by Mr. Hurd, and the directors of the new Cornhill Corporation having agreed to defray the expence. It is voted, that for the purpose of straightening the line of said street, a small gore of land shall be taken from said estate and added to the highway, as follows, beginning at a point on the north easterly corner of the house and shop of heirs of Ebenezer Larkin—thence running northerly on Cornhill along the [53.] present front of the house & land of Benjamin Hurd, to land lately the property of the new Cornhill Corporation, then turning and running westerly two feet five inches on land of said Hurd, thence southerly to the first mentioned point. And the Chairman is desired to inform the proprietor of said estate of this proceeding, and to offer him as compensation for the land so taken, to build a new front to the said estate either immediately or at the expiration of the lease of the present tenant.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 14th. 1816. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Austin, Williams & Phillips.—

A communication was received from a majority of the proprietors on a private way leading from Beacon street to Middlecot street; stating their consent that the ascent & descent of the same should be regulated according to the wishes & opinion of the Selectmen and praying that the same be adopted as a Town street, and regulated for the convenience of the public.—The same having been considered, the Chairman, Mr. Oliver and Mr. Hunnewell were appointed a committee with powers to view the [54.] proposed street, and to determine and act thereon—as to them should appear expedient.

Mr. Tukesbury from Deer Island appeared and after some conversation respecting the state of the island, it was agreed with

him that he should cart from the upland about 800 tons of stones at 12 & one half cents p^{r} ton, & place them so as to form a wall or barrier against the sea, in the low ground between the two eminences of the island—and particular orders were given him that no stone or ballast of any kind should be suffered to be taken from the island or its shores.

[**55.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 26. 1816.—

Return was made by M^{r}. Isaiah Souther of the expence of repairing the drain in Myrtle street the account whereof being duly examined by the Selectmen was by them allowed; they being informed at the same time that all persons concerned in said drain had been notified according to law and that no objection had been made.—Assessment was now made, an order of payment was passed by the Selectmen as follows viz.

Whereas a drain or common sewer has been laid in Myrtle street conformably to the directions of the Selectmen the whole expence whereof amounts to sixty three dollars, which expence is to be borne by such persons whose drains enter therein & receive benefit thereby. Wherefore, We the Subscribers, Selectmen of the said Town of Boston certify that having considered the same expence and by whom and in what manner it ought to be paid *Do Adjudge* that the same be paid in the proportion following and by the persons hereafter named, viz.

Benjamin Russell, [**56.**] —— Boynton, Jackson & Lincoln, Jacob Whiting, Perez Whiting, Shaw & Souther, at $10.50 each.

And We hereby authorize and empower M^{r}. Isaiah Souther to demand & receive the same and to give discharges therefor.

Signed by the members present } Ch^{s}. Bulfinch, Jon^{a}. Hunnewell, Joseph Lovering, Joseph Austin, Robert Williams, Turner Phillips } Selectmen of Boston.

Passed the quarterly Accounts.

[**57.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen September 3^{d}. 1816—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Lovering, Austin, Williams & Bray.

Messrs. Pomroy & Gray, two of the abutters on Bowdoin street appeared to state their objections to the expence that would naturally follow in repairing their houses in consequence of digging down the street: they both expressed their opinion that the street required to be put in order—after some conversa-

tion they withdrew & the Chairman stated to the board that the Committee empowered to act on this subject at a late meeting had agreed with the major part of the proprietors that the street should be accepted as a Town street & dug down & regulated for public convenience they having agreed to pay two hundred dollars, the estimated expence of necessary alterations on Mr. Pomroys house; and that in the opinion of the Committee, the improvement of the street would more than compensate the expence to Mr. Gray, who from his circumstances was well able to defray it.—

The proceedings of the Committee were approved, and they were [**58.**] desired to proceed in regulating the street.—

The following is therefore recorded as a description thereof.—
Whereas the Selectmen of the Town of Boston have determined that the safety & convenience of the inhabitants require, that a public street be laid out in said Town to lead from Middlecot street to Beacon street, the same as hereby laid out according to law & recorded as follows.—Beginning at the southeasterly corner of Derne street—and running southerly in the same direction with the west side of Middlecot street two hundred & twenty five feet. then bearing a little easterly & running southerly three hundred & twenty two feet to Beacon street; the said street to be thirty feet wide throughout, & known as a public highway by the name of Bowdoin street.—

Mr. Bray having reported that he had repeatedly applied to the Committee of Directors of [the] Mill pond Corporation respecting the bridge to be built over the Creek—but nothing had yet been done towards the same—it was agreed to enlarge the Committee by adding Messrs. Austin & Phillips—& that they be desired to urge on the Corporation the necessity of immediately building the proposed bridge.—

Report was made respecting the [**59.**] forming of Castle street to lead from Orange street to Front street: that the probable expence would be about 1000 dollars.—Mr. Lovering was authorized to contract to have that part of said street built which goes through the dock in the manner of a timber Wharf—and to be covered with gravel & railed at both sides.—

Communication was received from Cornelius Coolidge Esq. that he had become the owner of the house & land late of Oliver Keating Esq., at the entrance of Southacks Court and was ready to agree with the board upon widening the said court.—The subject was considered & it was voted. That provided all the land in front of the houses built by Stephen Codman Esq. should be added to the street free of expence, also all the land in front of the house occupied by Mrs. Carter, which lies outside the portico

of that house—that the board would allow twelve hundred & fifty dollars for a piece of the land of the estate now owned by C. Coolidge, to continue the line straight from the aforementioned portico to the street at the entrance of the court, to widen it there about six feet.—

[60.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen September 11th 1816—Present The Whole Board.—

34 Jurors were drawn for Court of Com. Pleas.

Thomas Welsh Esq. appeared & stated, that he had contracted to build a row of shops on the land formerly sold by the Town to William Smith Esq. and that the front line thereof extended beyond the present line of the street.—he had been cautioned by the Chairman not to proceed, and now made his claim & the directions of the board respecting the line. The Chairman, Mr. Hunnewell & Mr. Phillips, were appointed a Committee to view the street, & to draw the line as they should judge necessary.—and to make an agreement with Mr. Welsh for what portion of the land should be laid into the street.—

A Petition was received from a number of gentlemen residing at the south part of the Town, that the assistance of the Selectmen should be given for laying out a street, from Orange street to Front street, immediately opposite to Nassau street, over land of the heirs of Jeremiah Gore.—Messrs. Oliver, Lovering & Hunnewell—a Committee to view & report.—

The request of Samuel Parkman Esq. for a gutter in the middle of Chardons lane.—referred to Messrs. Bulfinch & Phillips.—

[61.] An application was signed to the Judge of Probate, representing that Mr. Henry Dewhurst was in danger of wasting his property & becoming a charge upon the Town; and requesting that a guardian be appointed for him.—

On the application of the proprietors of the Green Dragon Tavern to purchase a small piece of land west of their lot. Voted that it was not expedient to dispose of any part of that land at present, but the proprietors be informed that the Board are ready to receive any propositions or to confer with them on the subject of widening the street.—

Mr. David Rixford having applied to be reappointed a Constable, and produced his recommendations, it was voted to restore him to that office his sureties are Wm. P. Whiting Esq. & Ephraim Whitney.—

This time having been assigned for choice of Superintendent of Police the subject was considered, and Voted,

That the salary of the Superintendent of Police be one thousand dollars to be paid in the regular drafts, and that he be further allowed in addition to this salary, the fees arising from licenses to hackney carriages.

Charles Bulfinch Esq. was [**62.**] unanimously chosen Superintendent of Police.

Voted, That, the choice of an assistant police officer be postponed to Wednesday next.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen September 18th. 1816 — Present the Whole Board.—

Mr. Lovering was desired to purchase twenty eight casks of gun powder to complete the quantity required by law, & to have the same inspected by the Brigade inspector & to employ Mr. Jennings to make a sufficient number of cartridges for Brigade review.—

Voted, That there be a new engine provided for the place now occupied by No. 13. And that the fire wards be requested to furnish one & present their bill to this Board for payment--making the best of the old engine in exchange.—

Mr. Coomey having purchased an estate in Lynn street; adjoining the town's passageway which lead to the water, applies to have the same laid open for his & the public use.—Voted, That Mr. Holbrook be notified to remove the fence which [**63.**] he has built across said passageway immediately—& in case of his neglect of such notice that the said fence & all other incumbrances be removed by order of the board.—

Certificate was signed approving of Messrs. Powell & Dickson & the company under their direction, for carrying on stage plays &c at the theatre in Federal street the ensuing season.—

The Committee of Proprietors of [the] Green Dragon tavern having given notice that they were about to make some expensive alterations on that building.—Voted, that the Chairman, Mr. Austin & Mr. Phillips be a Committee to confer with said proprietors on the means of widening that street—& to report to the board.—

The Chairman was desired to advertise for contracts for oil for the ensuing season— about 3000 gallons.—

An application from Henry Lane praying to be reappointed a constable, was ordered to lay for consideration.—

On the representation of Mr. Greenough & Mr. Lawrence that they had not been able to procure by subscription the sum necessary to be raised for purchasing the [**64.**] piece of land from the corner lot of the new Street—for the purpose of making straight the line of Cornhill—it was voted to allow two hundred dollars in addition to the sum voted July 29th. last.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen September 25. 1816 —Present the Whole Board, except Mr. Oliver.—

4 Grand & 4 petit jurors were drawn for Circuit Court of the United States.—

Agreed with Thomas Welsh Esq. to leave the consideration of damages for a small gore of land opposite Concert hall to Tristram Barnard, John Belknap & Saml. Snelling Esqrs.

The Board came to the choice of an Assistant police officer—the votes being taken by ballot, Mr. Darby Robins was unanimously chosen.—

The Chairman, Mr. Austin & Mr. Bray a Committee to confer with Mr. Asa Holbrook, respecting the passage way in Lynn street, to examine deed and report.—

[**65.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 30th. 1816.—
Present the whole Board except Mr. Oliver.

Passed the monthly accounts.—

Agreed to visit Deer Island on Thursday next and to request a Committee from the Marine Society to accompany the board, for the purpose of viewing the island.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 2d. 1816.—Present the whole board, excepr. Mr. Hunnewell.—

On the application of a number of the abutters it was agreed that a gutter should be paved in the middle of Gibb' lane from Fort hill to Purchase street.

Completed the monthly accounts.—

The Chairman, Mr. Lovering & Mr. Phillips a Committee to consider what mode should be adopted for lighting the lamps the present season.—

[**66.**] Mr Tuckerman renewed his application for liberty to cover the passageway to Brattle square with an arch.—The same

being considered, it was voted, that it was not expedient to have the same covered.

The following is the record of the proceedings relative to widening Southack's Court.

Whereas in the opinion of the Selectmen, the safety & convenience of the inhabitants of the Town of Boston require, that the street called Southack's court should be widened; the same having been viewed and staked out by a Committee of this board, it is declared to be bounded and described as follows.—

Beginning at the house at the north easterly corner of Somerset street—and measuring from the old line of the street five feet to the front of said house—thence along the front of said house to a point five feet six inches from the old line of the street—at the west end of land formerly Bowers'—thence to a point on the west boundary of land, late of Keating now of C. Coolidge & C°. eight feet from the old line of the street; thence in a straight line to the entrance of the street—at a point six feet from the present southeasterly corner.—The said street to measure [**67.**] with the addition now made as follows. At the corner of Somerset street thirty one feet wide, at the west line of Bowers twenty eight feet, at the west line of Coolidge thirty one feet eight inches—at the north corner of his brick house twenty nine feet two inches, at the east corner of said house twenty six feet eight inches, and at the entrance of the street twenty seven feet eight inches.—and all the land above described is hereby added to the street, and made part of the highway.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 9th. 1816 —Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Lovering, Austin, Williams, Bray & Phillips.—

The Committee on the subject of Lamps reported, a number of regulations to be observed by the superintendent of lamps—after considering and approving the same—it was voted that the Committee be empowered to make contracts for oil & to adopt such measures for lighting as they shall determine most for the interest of the Town.—

[**68.**] A precept was received from the Judge of Probate, for inquisition to be made into the circumstances of William Stimpson; the proper inquiries having been made, certificate was signed, that he was an intemperate person, in danger of becoming a town charge, & recommending that a guardian be appointed for him.—

Mr. Joseph F. Bordman was approved as an Auctioneer.

Boston ss. At a Special Meeting of the Selectmen October 12th. 1816.—

Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Lovering, Williams & Phillips.

On the application of a number of the neighbours to the passageway leading from Cornhill to Brattle Square, stating their opinion that it would be more safe and commodious to the public, that the passageway should be covered with an arch.—the same was viewed by the members of the board, & it was agreed that if Mr. Tuckerman the proprietor of the buildings on both sides of said passage would be at the expence of erecting the same, the board would not object to its being done.

[**69.**] A petition was received from a number of inhabitants requesting that the northerly part of Bowdoin street might be widened, by adding some land to the street from the estates of T. Bowdoin & W. R. Gray.—The members of the board were requested to view that street previous to acting upon the application at the next meeting.—

An award respecting land taken from T Welsh Esq. to widen Court street opposite Concert hall was received, and the Chairman was desired to have the same opened at the Court of Com. Pleas on Monday next.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 15th. 1816.—

Present the whole Board.—

This being the time assigned for meeting the Selectmen of the Towns of Roxbury & Dorchester on the perambulation of the bounds.—the board this morning proceeded on the business—and inspected the land marks and found them correct—Returns were signed by the agents of the respective towns, which is on the file of mixed papers.—

At the same time directions were [**70.**] given to Peter O. Thacher Esq.—to take effectual measures that the proprietors of the fourteen hundred feet lots on Washington street should put the carriage way in order, agreeably to their contract with the Town.—

The gentlemen having viewed the dam on the easterly side of the Neck; Mr. Lovering was desired to employ some person to make all such repairs as may be necessary before winter.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 23d. 1816—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Lovering, Austin, Williams & Phillips.—

Warrant was signed for Town meeting for choice of a Member of Congress, on the 4th. November next.—

Mr. Austin was desired to wait on Mr. Winchel to request him to open the meeting with prayer.—

Mr. Eliot to print notifications.—

Mr. Jonathan Hayward having been well recommended is appointed to regulate the standing of carts and waggons with cyder in Water street until the 1st. Decr. next.—

[71.] Mr. Holmes was also appointed to regulate the standing of wood from the country at the several regular stands after the 1st. of December.—

The subject of widening the north side of Bowdoin street was considered—& Mr. Wm. R. Gray appeared to state his objections & the injury that would be done him by taking any of his land—It was agreed to refer the subject to Messrs. Lovering, Austin & Phillips they agreed to meet Mr. Gray tomorrow on the premises to see whether his objections could be removed and to agree upon the line of the improvement.

Approved of the Indenture of George R. Miller to Wm. Ingraham, mariner, to continue in force until the first day of May 1823.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 28th. 1816.—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Lovering & Phillips.

Examined a number of accounts.—

Charles Cushing Esq. presented a memorial against having the passage way covered with an arch, which leads to Brattle square—as in his opinion it would be injurious to his property.—Notice was sent to Mr. Tuckerman of this objection from Mr. Cushing.

[72.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 31st. 1816.—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Lovering, Austin, Williams, Bray & Phillips.—

Passed the Monthly Accounts.—

Application having been received from the children of Mr. Benjamin Bailey—requesting that he might be discharged from the control of a guardian Mrs. Fuller the guardian having also been consulted on the subject. The Chairman was desired to inform the Judge of Probate that in the opinion of the board it would be expedient to release said Bailey from guardianship.—

A Committee appeared from the proprietors of lands on the Neck, called the 1400 feet lots, to confer respecting the terms of their covenant with the Town & to request that the board would offer proposals for definite arrangements with them, by which their proportion of the street might in future be kept in good order.—

They having retired, The Chairman, M^r. Hunnewell, M^r. Lovering & M^r. Phillips were appointed a Committee to consider the subject, to confer with the proprietors and to report to the Board.—

[**73.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen November 6th. 1816—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Lovering, Williams, Bray & Phillips.

22 Grand Jurors & 35 Traverse jurors were drawn for Supreme Judicial Court.

The Committee on Bowdoin street, reported that they had viewed the street, and conferred with M^r. Gray on the subject, and were of opinion that M^r. Gray's land was too confined to allow of any part being taken from his, necessary to widen the street; that the widening should commence at the corner of Grays land & that a gore of land the property of Temple Bowdoin Esq about five feet wide at the northerly end be added to the street. The Committee however recommended, as the season is so far advanced that any further proceedings be postponed to the next spring.—

An application was received from the Captain & constables of the watch, proposing several alterations in the arrangements of the watch.—It was voted that this subject subside until it is known what measures and regulations will be adopted by the merchants and others, who have advertised to form a patrole watch for the center of the Town.—

[**74.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen November 13th. 1816— Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Hunnewell, Lovering, Austin & Phillips.—

On the representation of M^r. Ambrose Salisbury, that the common sewer in South Margin street, Mill Pond, was so obstructed as to overflow his cellar & several others with water—M^r. Phillips was desired to examine the state of said common sewer, to determine whether the obstruction was caused by the works of the Mill Pond Corporation, & to direct measures for removing the cause of complaint.

A copy of printed rules & regulations for the volunteer patrole watch was submitted by the Secretary of the association, they were

read and approved &—Voted that the captain & constables of the Town watch be directed to give the patrole all the assistance in their power, to prevent breaking into houses or stores, and to secure any offenders that may be detected in so doing.—

The Chairman was desired to insert in the public papers an address to the inhabitants relative to the improvements of the Common & to request the attention of the public to prevent injury to the trees &c.

[**75.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen November 20th. 1816—Present
The whole Board.—

Mr. Oliver reported that he had examined the accounts of Mr. Phillips hay weigher for the quarter ending October 1st.—and that they were correct, balance directed to be paid to Town Treasurer—eighty eight dollars & sixty three cents.—

Mr. Samuel Horton, Junr applied for liberty to build a livery stable on land south of the Boylston Market square—the same place being recommended for that purpose by the directors of the market corporation—it was voted that the place be licensed for a livery stable.—

Some complaints having been made by the captain of the Town watch against the conduct of some of the members of the volunteer patrole—The Chairman & Mr. Oliver were appointed a Committee to confer with the agents or directors of the patrole, and to agree with them upon such regulations as shall prevent complaint in future.—

[**76.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen November 22d. 1816—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Lovering, Austin, Williams & Phillips.

9 Jurors were drawn for Circuit Court of the United States.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen November 25th. 1816—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Lovering, Austin, Williams & Phillips.—

Passed the Monthly accounts.—

Some representations having been made to the Chairman against the livery stable proposed to be built by Mr. Horton.—he now appeared, & also Mr. Bumstead the owner of the buildings nearest to the place where the stable is to be built—he proposed that Mr. Horton should set his stable ten feet back from his front line, to prevent the obstruction which he thought would arise in

the passageway.—A paper was presented by Mr. Horton, signed by the directors of the market corporation and by a great number of the neighbours in favour of the building being placed in a line with the houses.—Both gentlemen having withdrawn, the subject was considered & it was agreed that Mr. Horton should proceed with his building as first proposed.

[77.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen November 27th. 1816—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Hunnewell, Lovering, Austin, Williams & Phillips.—

Closed the monthly & quarterly accounts.

An application was received from the proprietors of stores, in Cheapside, requesting that the street from Cornhill to Dorsetts alley should be paved the present season.—it was voted, that the Chairman inform those gentlemen, that the board will consent to have that portion of the street paved—if the workmen shall think it practicable, upon the conditions proposed by the applicants that they will pay the expence of any repairs that may become necessary within one year.—and also on this further condition, that they will advance the money necessary for the work and materials—to be repaid from the taxes of the next year, without interest.—

The Chairman, Mr. Lovering & Mr. Phillips, a Committee to examine and adjust the account of Mr. Harrington for work on Mr. Pomroy's house in Bowdoin street.—

[78.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen December 4th. 1816—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Lovering, Austin, Williams, Bray & Phillips.—

William R. Gray Esq. appeared to state his claim to compensation for expences incurred on his house in Bowdoin street, in consequence of digging away that street:—he exhibited the workmens accounts. It was agreed that the Committee on Mr. Harringtons accounts should examine those accounts and report the amount.—

Barney Smith Esq. executor to the last will of Abiel Smith Esq. deceased appeared and presented the certificates of property bequeathed by the late Mr. Smith to the Town.—It was agreed that the regular forms of transfer should be made on the certificates & that Mr. B. Smith should attend the next meeting of the Board to sign the same.—

Mr. R. D. Harris applied that the passage way back of Merchants Hall should be lowered, to turn the water from the building: and engaging that he would have the same covered with

gravel—It was agreed to have the same done if the weather should permit.

[79.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^{r}. 11th. 1816—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Lovering, Austin, Williams & Bray.—

The Chairman reported that he had lately received a letter by the way of London from M^{r}. L. D. Lewinson of Koningsberg in Prussia, making enquiries concerning M^{r}. Moses Abraham Wallach. —In consequence of this letter, he had handed to M^{r}. Wallach a duplicate of the same: & that R. G. Amory Esq. counsel to M^{r}. Wallach had prepared a certificate that Moses Abraham Wallach was a citizen, resident in this Town, that he had married a woman of a respectable family in Boston and had a number of children. This certificate and a duplicate thereof had been signed by the Chairman.

The Committee for procuring oil reported that they had asked for sealed proposals from several dealers in that article—one of the papers being opened from Josiah Bradlee & Co. it was found they were not able yet to make proposals. It was voted not to open the other papers, but that the Chairman should inform M^{r}. Bradlee that on Wednesday next, the board would decide upon their purchase for the winter.—

[80.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen December 18th. 1816—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Lovering, Austin, Williams, Bray & Phillips.—

34 Jurors were drawn to serve at the Supreme Judicial Court—Also 32 to serve at Common Pleas.—

The Chairman presented an attested copy of the law lately passed by the Legislature of the Commonwealth, empowering the Selectmen to alter & change alleys and passageways in the Town of Boston, and to regulate the raising of goods wares and merchandize into chambers of stores and other buildings.—It was agreed that the consideration of measures to be taken in consequence of this law be postponed to the next meeting.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 24th. 1816—Present the whole Board except M^{r}. Williams.—

Voted, That Turner Phillips Esq. be authorized & empowered to receive all interest becoming due on any notes, bonds or mortgages of the donation of M^{rs}. Joanna Brooker & also all funded stock being part of that donation, standing in the name of the Selectmen of the Town of Boston.

[81.] Mr. Charles W. Apthorp was approved as an auctioneer.

In consequence of a precept from Hon. Thomas Dawes Esq. Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk, inquisition was made into the circumstances of William Thayer; certificate was signed that he was a person non compos mentis, and recommending that a guardian should be appointed for him.—

Complaint having been made that the measurers of wood on the Neck are frequently absent to the delay of the owners and drivers of wood;—Mr. Lovering was desired to make inquiry respecting the same—and if necessary to look out some suitable person for that office.

The Chairman reported that a number of citizens had associated for the purpose of forming a nightly patrole, about Dock Square, Union & Elm streets—it was agreed that they should have liberty to make use of the lobby of the Selectmens room as their place of meeting.—

Proposals for another Association, to form a patrole in Marlborough street & places adjacent, were received; the same were approved, & the gentlemen were assured of the approbation of the board, & of their readiness to do all in their power to encourage them in their exertions to protect the Town & to preserve good order.—

[82.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen December 30th. 1816—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Lovering, Austin, Bray & Phillips.—

A number of gentlemen having proposed to form a patrole watch in the south part of the Town; & their proposed regulations signed by John D. Williams their Chairman—the same were approved.—

Passed the Monthly accounts.—

The following was moved & voted. That a committee be appointed to select and sort the bills for the various expences of the Town, and exhibit a statement, with the several expences under their several heads, to this board; of all monies paid the present year;—in order that a statement of the expences of the Town may be published by the Selectmen if required by the Town.—Messrs. Hunnewell & Phillips were appointed on the committee for the above purposes.—

Voted that the captain & company of engine N° 7 be allowed to add four new members to their company in addition to their present number.—

[**83.**] Boston ss. at a Meeting of the Selectmen January 1st. 1817.—

Present the whole Board.—

Closed the monthly accounts.—

Mr. William Lovering Jur. having agreed to supply winter strained oil for the lamps, for the next three months at 800 gallons per month, at one dollar per gallon—it was now voted to allow six cents per gallon for the delivery to the lamp lighters.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 8th. 1817— Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Lovering, Austin, Bray & Phillips.—

An application was received from the board of health, requesting that measures might be taken to procure land for another burying ground—The Chairman was desired to notify the proprietors of South Boston, that it was the wish of the board to have the burying ground laid out there agreeable to [**84.**] the conditions of the act annexing that land to the Town of Boston.—

A number of citizens having associated as a patrole in Ward No. 3. requested the use of the engine house in Back street to meet in—It was agreed that they might use the engine house for that purpose, provided they would first obtain the consent of the Fireward & the captain of the company attached to that engine.—

Messrs. Oliver, Hunnewell & Phillips were chosen a committee to confer with any friend or agent of Ward N. Boylston & to receive propositions for adjustments of the claims of the Town.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 15th. 1817 —Present Messrs. Oliver, Hunnewell, Lovering, Austin, Bray & Phillips.—

Mr. Greenwood applied to hire the upper part of the old State House—the subject was referred to the committee who have the care of that building.

A complaint was exhibited against the truckmen for incommoding the side walk on Merchants Row—The complainant was requested [**85.**] to hand a list of the owners of trucks usually standing at the east end of the market, who are to be notified to appear before the board on Wednesday next at 4 o'clock P.M.—

Mr. Stratton, in behalf of the third Baptist Society applied for assistance from the Town in planking a sidewalk in Charles

street.—Agreed to allow twenty dollars when the side walk shall be completed to the satisfaction of the Board.—

Capt. Francis applied for leave to take down a partition between the two armories occupied by the company of Rangers.—

Wednesday next was assigned for hearing M^{r}. W. R. Gray on the subject of Bowdoin street.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 22^{d}. 1816 —Present Messrs. Oliver, Hunnewell, Lovering, Austin, Bray & Phillips.—

Leave was given to Capt. Francis to take down a partition between the two rooms occupied as an armoury by the company of Rangers—on condition that the partition be replaced when required by the board.—

[86.] In consequence of an order passed at the last meeting, a number of the owners of trucks usually standing at the east end of the Market appeared before the board.—The Chairman stated the complaint that had been lodged against them—They were informed that the board would be obliged to remove them to some other part of the town, unless they would place their trucks in such a situation as to keep the street clear of encumbrance, & also prevent their drivers from incommoding the sidewalk on Merchants Row.—

M^{r}. John Pratt was approved as an Auctioneer.—

The Committee on M^{r}. Greenwoods application were requested to inform him that the Board would not consent to lease the upper part of the old State House for a less sum than $1200— dollars per annum.—

The Chairman informed the board that he had seen M^{r}. Mason respecting a burying ground at South Boston.—and that M^{r}. Mason had agreed to call a meeting of the Proprietors on that subject.—

The consideration of the request of Cyrus Alger & others, that the board would repair 4th. street at South Boston, was postponed to April next.—

[87.] Pursuant to a precept from the Hon. Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk, inquisition was made into the circumstances of Miss Sarah Lillie and return was made that she was a person non compos mentis, and recommending that a guardian be appointed for her.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 27th. 1817 —Present Messrs. Oliver, Hunnewell, Lovering, Austin, Bray & Phillips.—

Passed the monthly Accounts.—

15 Jurors were drawn for Supreme Judicial Court.

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[88.] The Legislature having passed a law, wherein it is enacted "That no person shall raise up from any street, wharf or place of public resort within the Town of Boston for the purpose of storing the same, any cask, bale of goods, or other article of merchandize into the second or higher storey of any house, store or other building upon or adjoining the same, and on the outside of such buildings nor deliver any article therefrom by lowering the same on the outside of any such building—except at such times and places and under such restrictions and limitations, as the Selectmen for the time being shall by writing authorize & direct." —And the Board having given notice in the public news papers on the eighth instant that the law would be enforced after twenty days from that time.—Applications were received from a number of persons, requesting the board to permit them to continue receiving goods into their chambers from the outside of their stores:—viz. Messrs. John Carnes, N. Hastings, Thos. Jackson for Wainwright & Jackson John F. Priest, Wm. Andrews, Henry Gassett, George Brinley, William B. Bradford Junr, Henshaw & Jarvis, Thos. & Ed. Motley & J. Scholfield, which were committed to Messrs. Oliver, Hunnewell, Lovering, Austin & Phillips, who were requested to view the stores of the applicants, & report their opinion on the subject at the next meeting.—

[89.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 29th 1817—Present Messrs. Oliver Hunnewell, Lovering, Austin, Williams & Phillips.—

Closed the monthly draft.—

The Committee appointed at the last meeting reported,—That they had viewed all the stores of those Gentlemen who had applied for leave to continue the practice of taking goods into their chambers from the street, and that the stores generally were so situated that in the opinion of the Committee, the law will not authorize the board to grant their request—excepting the stores of Mr. Geo. Brinley & Wm. B. Bradford Jur. who they recommend to be licensed to take goods into their chambers from the passageway back to their stores, until the further orders of the Board.—They also recommend that ten days be allowed Mr. Andrews to remove his crates from Central and Fish streets.—

The foregoing Report was accepted.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen February 5th. 1817 —Present Messrs. Oliver, Hunnewell, Lovering, Austin, Bray & Phillips.—

The applications of Messrs. Henry F. Barrell, Otis Norcross and Asher Benjamin, were committed [**90.**] to the same committee who were appointed on the 27th. Ultimo on the application of John Carnes & others.—

On the application of Thomas Hunstable (through Mr. Phillips) in behalf of a number of citizens associated for the purpose of patroling the streets of Ward No. 6. Voted, That the Board, approve of the association, and that they be allowed to exercise the function of watchmen, that Mr. Phillips be a committee to furnish them with watch hooks & six feet of wood.—

On the application of Col. Robinson, Mess. Austin & Bray were authorized to furnish the patrole watch of Ward No. 1 with watch hooks & wood.—

The Town Clerk informed the Board, that Barney Smith Esq. had transferred all the property left by the late Abiel Smith Esq., to the Selectmen, & had paid over one hundred & twenty one dollars $^{-}/_{100}$ income received by him on the same.

It was voted, to proceed to the choice of a Treasurer to receive & manage the fund left by Mr. Smith for the support of an African school.

The votes being collected it appeared that Turner Phillips Esq. was chosen.—

[**91.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen February 12th. 1817. Present Messrs. Oliver, Hunnewell, Lovering, Austin & Bray.

An application was received from a committee of the Boston Light Infantry Company, requesting permission to take down the partition between the two rooms occupied by them as armories. The application was committed to Messrs. Oliver & Lovering.

Capt. George Welles has permission to deliver goods from his chambers in Court street, by lowering them into the street, at any time in the morning previous to 9. o'clock.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen February 19th. 1817—Present Messrs. Oliver, Hunnewell, Lovering, Austin, Williams, Bray & Phillips.—

22 Grand & 35 Traverse Jurors were drawn to serve at the Supreme Judicial Court.—

The Boston Light Infantry Company, are permited to take down a partition between the two rooms occupied by them, on condition that the same shall be replaced when required by the Board.—

[92.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen February 24th. 1817—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Hunnewell, Lovering & Phillips.

Examined a number of accounts.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen February 26th. 1817—Present
The Whole Board.—

6 Jurors were drawn to serve at the U. S. District Court.—

Passed the Quarterly accounts.—

Warrant was signed for the March Meeting for the choice of Town Officers.—

Rev. Mr. Ware to be requested to open the meeting with prayer.—

Mr. Eliot to print the notifications.

William R. Gray Esq. having repeatedly made application for allowance for the expence incurred on his house in Bowdoin street, in consequence of digging down that street.—it was agreed to refer the consideration of his claims to Benj Weld, Joshua Davis and Wm. Payne Esqrs—The Chairman was desired to inform Mr. Gray, and in case of his objecting to any one of the referees, to agree with him on some suitable person in his place—& to attend before the referees to explain the subject.—

[93.] Mr. Francis Wilby applied for liberty to raise crates of merchandize into the upper lofts of his store in Salem street—the same was considered, and it was voted that the liberty requested could not be granted consistently with the convenience and safety of the residents of that street.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 5th. 1817—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Austin, Bray & Phillips.

The Chairman informed the Board that Arnold Welles Esq. was appointed a referee in the room of William Payne Esq. in the case of M^r. Gray, at his desire.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 10th. 1817— Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Lovering, Austin, Phillips, Bass, Dorr & Silsby.—

This being the first meeting of the board since the Town meeting for choice of Town Officers.—Votes for Chairman were taken by ballot, and Charles Bulfinch Esq. was declared to be chosen.—

[**94.**] The oath of office was administered to Messrs. Bass, Dorr & Silsby, by the Town Clerk.—

34 Jurors were drawn for the Boston Court of Common Pleas.—

Messrs. Hunnewell, Phillips & Lovering a committee to revise the standing rules and orders and to report.—

The Chairman was desired to take measures to have an advertisement inserted in the papers, that the vote lists were posted for inspection.—

A precept was received from [the] Hon. Judge of Probate for inquiring into the circumstances of M^r. Beckford, represented non compos.—Committed to Messrs. Lovering & Dorr.—

The Chairman & M^r. Oliver a committee to consider what measures were necessary to carry into effect, the new law for regulating public houses, &c.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 19th. 1817. Present the Whole Board.—

[**95.**] Return was made by M^r. Henry Farnum of the expence of repairing the drain in Friend street, the account whereof being duly examined by the Selectmen was by them allowed: they being informed at the same time that all persons concerned in said drain had been notified according to law and that no objection had been made. Assessment was now made, an order of payment was passed by the Selectmen as follows, viz.—

Whereas a drain or common sewer has been laid in Friend street conformably to the directions of the Selectmen, the whole expence whereof amounts to one hundred & thirty two dollars twenty two cents, which expence is to be borne by such persons whose drains enter therein and receive benefit thereby—Wherefore, We the Subscribers, Selectmen of the said Town of Boston certify that having considered the same expence and by whom, and in what manner it ought to be paid *Do Adjudge* that the

same be paid in the proportion following and by the persons hereafter named viz.—

Mary Noble, Joshua Emmons, Isaac Dupee, Thomas Tirrell, George Southerland, Joseph Couthony, Benj[a]. Jennings, Isaiah Atkins, Henry Farnum, Daniel Bemis, Ebenezer Parker, [**96.**] Ebenezer Smith, Silas P. Tarbell, Charles Jones, Eliza Rogers, William Howe, Widow Gray, James S. Trott, Sarah Spear, Sam[l]. Richardson, at $6.62 each.

Notified Feb[y]. 7 1818

And we hereby authorize and empower M[r]. Turell Tuttle to demand and receive the same and to give discharges therefor.—

signed by the whole Board.—

M[r]. Oliver to whom was committed the account of the hay weigher, reported that he had examined the account of the quarter ending Jan[y]. 1. and had corrected the same, the balance due to the Town was $92.82.—payment of the same ordered to the Treasurer.

Inquiry having been made into the circumstances of Ed. H. Beckford, return was now signed to the Judge of Probate, that said Beckford was a person non compos mentis, and recommending that a guardian should be appointed for him.

Warrant was signed for Town meeting on the first Monday of April next for choice of Governour, Lieutenant Governour & Senators.—M[r]. Eliot to print the notifications.—Rev. Doc[t]. Freeman to be requested to open the meeting with prayer; The Chairman & M[r]. Oliver a Com[ee]. to apply to him for that purpose.—

[**97.**] Cap[t]. George Welles appeared to request that indulgence should be granted him for raising goods from Court street into the second storey of the store belonging to M[r]. Carnes, now occupied by him. Cap[t]. Wells having retired, his application was considered, when it was determined that the indulgence requested could not be granted.—

The following report of the Committee on the new law to regulate public houses—was read & amended and accepted as follows.—

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Abstract of the new law for regulation of *licenced houses, in the Town of Boston.*

All houses that shall be licensed for [the] sale of spirituous liquors, after the 1st. day of April next, will be divided into classes,

to be kept by *Innholders*, *Victualers*, *retailers* & *Confectioners*. every person carrying on business of either of the descriptions above enumerated, must be licensed for the same, by approbation of the Selectmen & confirmed by the Court of Sessions.

Every person so licensed must have a sign in front of his place of business with his or her name thereon, and expressing the kind of business for which the license is given.

No Confectioner to be allowed to sell any spirituous liquors; or any mixed liquors, part of which is spirituous; to suffer any person to be drinking the same in his or her house or store or other [**98.**] place of business.

No Confectioner or Victualler shall keep open his or her house, store or other place of business, or entertain any person therein after 10. o'clock of the evening of any working day, or any part of the Lord's day or evening.

Every person offending against either of these regulations, shall on conviction thereof, forfeit and pay for each offence, a fine of Ten dollars, with costs of prosecution; and shall likewise forfeit his or her license, which cannot be restored without a new recommendation *from the Selectmen* to the Court of Sessions.

This law will have no operation upon persons already licensed until the regular period for the renewal of their licenses on the first of July next. The Selectmen have ordered the publication of the above, that all persons who may apply for license in future may be informed of the regulations adopted, and may be prepared to conform to the same.

By order of the Selectmen,

THOMAS CLARK, Town Clerk.

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The Committee appointed to consider what measures should be adopted by the Board, for carrying into effect the new law to regulate public houses, report their opinion. —

That an abstract of the law be printed in the papers, for general information; and [**99.**] all persons who wish for license should be directed to apply for the same, either as Innholders, Victuallers, Confectioners or retailers. —

That the following resolutions be adopted by the board. —

1st. Innholders licences shall be granted in places provided for boarding houses, taverns & lodging houses for strangers.

2d. No Innholders license shall be granted for any cellar whatever.—

3d. Victuallers licenses may be granted to cellars & shops where strangers are not regularly or statedly taken to lodge.—

4th. Retail licenses, to those persons who sell liquors by retail according to law.—

5th. Licenses may be granted to confectioners with liberty to retail spirits, not to be drank in their houses, shops or dependencies.—

6th. That one suitable person be appointed a Tythingman, to execute the duties assigned to that officer by the new law; who shall keep a book, with the names, places of residence and places of business of every person who shall carry on the employment of Innholder, Victualler, Confectioner or Retailer entered therein, in order that the conduct of such persons, in their several places of business, may be easily inspected and known. And said officer shall follow the directions of the board in inspecting said houses, and conform himself to such regulations as shall be adopted by the board from [**100.**] time to time, which experience shall suggest to be necessary and proper.—

The above is submitted by your Committee

CHS. BULFINCH
EBENR. OLIVER.

an abstract of the new law was also presented by the same committee which was accepted & ordered to be printed in the papers, signed by the Town Clerk.—

The Committee chosen to revise the standing rules & orders, reported the following which was read, considered and accepted.—

The Committee appointed to revise the rules & orders of the board have attended that service and ask leave to report the following Rules and Orders for the future regulation of the board.—

A Chairman shall be chosen annually by written votes, who shall preside at the meetings of the board: the senior member present shall preside in the absence of the Chairman.—

The time of the regular meeting of the board shall be on Wednesdays at half past three o'clock P.M. from March to October, and three o'clock from October to March; and punctual observance of these hours is requested. The Chairman is authorized to call special meetings of the board whenever it is requisite.—

[**101.**] Five members shall be necessary to form a board.—

The majority of votes of members present shall be considered as the act of the Board; but any member may enter his dissent to any measure on the records: and no vote shall be reconsidered by a less number than were present when the vote was passed.—

All appointments to office, made by the board, in conformity to the laws of the State, or to the bye laws of the Town, shall be made by written votes, and at a time assigned for that purpose.—

The Town Clerk shall attend at every meeting of the board, and shall make a record of all the proceedings, and enter the names of the members present.—In case of the necessary absence of the Town Clerk the Chairman shall take the minutes.

At the opening of each Meeting, the Town Clerk shall read the records of the proceedings of the last meeting.—

There shall be a Monthly Committee on accounts to consist of two members of the board taken alphabetically, who in conjunction with the Chairman of the board, shall meet at the Selectmens room at o'clock on [**102.**] the Monday preceding the day on which the monthly draft is closed, whose duty it shall be, to receive and examine all demands against the town that shall be presented for payment, to make a rough draft of the same and lay it before the board for their inspection and approbation.—The draft when completed shall be signed by the Committee and the Town Clerk before it is sent to the Treasurer; and no addition shall be made to it while in the hands of the Treasurer unless the same is signed by a majority of the board in the form of an order.

Every person who shall furnish any supplies or do any work for the Town, shall, at least seven days previous to the day on which the monthly draft is closed, present his bill to the Committee (or one of them) who have the charge of that section of the town for which the supplies were furnished, or the work done. And it shall be the duty of said Committee or one of them to examine such demands, & certify they are correct previous to their being presented to the Committee on accounts for their approbation; and no demand unless so examined and certified shall be passed by the Committee.—

The town shall be divided into four sections; Section N°. 1. shall consist of Wards N°. 1. 2 & 3. Section N°. 2. of Wards N°. 4. 5. and all that part of Ward N°. 6. north of Cambridge street: Section N°. 3. of Wards 7. 8 & 9. and that [**103.**] part of Ward N°. 6. south of Cambridge street; Section N°. 4. of Wards N°. 10. 11 & 12. There shall be two members of the Board assigned to each of the sections who shall have the direction & oversight of the streets, and of the repairs necessary to them, and shall have liberty to undertake & order any work, the expence of which shall not exceed forty dollars; but no undertaking which shall exceed that sum shall be begun or contracted for, without being first laid before the board and agreed to by vote; and if any Committee of the board shall contract for or expend more than forty dollars on any one object without the approbation of the board being first obtained (except on some special occasion, the existence of which is to be decided by the board) such Committee shall be responsible in their private capacity for the amount exceeding the forty dollars.

For any work that may be done in the streets which divide the sections, the Committees having the sections bordering thereon, shall confer together, and agree upon the same.—

Each Committee is particularly desired to pay attention in their section to all drains that may be opened, to see that they be laid of proper dimensions; to observe all encroachments and incumbrances of the streets, and to inform the Superintendent of the same, that measures may be taken for their speedy removal: And to suggest such improvements [**104.**] of the streets or foot walks as are practicable, by a right disposition of the common resources of the town: and generally to pay attention to the town slips and land in their districts.

Voted, that the Board be divided into Committees as follows.—
Section No. 1 to be assigned to Messrs. Austin & Silsby
Section No. 2 - - - - - - - - - - - Messrs. Phillips & Dorr
Section No. 3 - - - - - - - - - - - Messrs. Oliver & Bass
Section No. 4 - - - - - - - - - - - Messrs. Hunnewell & Lovering

There shall be standing Committees of the board for the following purposes.—
1st. A Committee of two members to each school; whose duty it shall be to direct all necessary repairs, to provide the schools with wood &c.—
2d. a Committee to each watch-house for the same purposes.—
3d. a Committee to inspect the Hay Scales, to attend to repairs and the accounts of the hay weigher.—
4th. a Committee to attend to the Town-house, to direct repairs and report respecting rents.—
5th. a Committee on the market, to direct repairs and to attend to the proceedings & accounts of the Clerk of the market.
6th. a Committee to have the care and superintendence of the Neck.
7th. a Committee to have the care of the Common.

[**105.**] That Messrs. Lovering & Bass [are the] Committee of the Neck.—

Messrs. Oliver, Hunewell, Lovering & Bass—Committee of the Common.

Messrs. Phillips, Dorr & Silsby, Committee of the Market.—

Messrs. Austin & Silsby, North Schools and Watch.—

Messrs. Phillips & Dorr, West Schools.—

Messrs. Oliver & Bass, Center Schools & Watch.—

Messrs. Hunnewell & Lovering South Schools & Watch.

Mr. Hunnewell—Hay Scales.—

Messrs. Hunnewell, Lovering & Austin Committee of the Townhouse.—

In consequence of the arduous duty the Chairman of the board usually has to perform, your committee would recommend, that he be excused from serving on any of the beforementioned committees; but that he be requested, to give his advice and assistance to any of the committees that may apply to him.

Your committee taking into consideration that in the estimates of the necessary expences for the town for the year, certain [**106.**] sums are named to be appropriated to particular purposes, such as for the streets, the schools, lamps &c: And in order the board may be duly apprized of their expenditures, they are of opinion it is indispensable they be regularly posted in a Book kept for that purpose by the Chairman, under their proper heads, and the aggregate of their respective amounts laid before the board on every draft day.—

All Committees to report their doings at the next meeting of the board after their appointment, or as soon after as possible.—

Your Committee refrain from designating any further duty expected from the Chairman of the board until his salary shall be fixed, when they presume a committee will be appointed for that purpose, They avail themselves of the present occasion, to recommend to the Board, that a committee be appointed to ascertain whether it is in the power of this board to grant a salary to their Chairman, and if it is, what in their opinion his salary ought to be.—

All which is respectfully submitted by

JONA. HUNNEWELL
TURNER PHILLIPS
JOS. LOVERING
} Committee.

In consequence of the above recommendation the following gentlemen—Messrs. Oliver, Hunnewell & Dorr were chosen a committee [**107.**] to ascertain whether it is in the power of this board to grant a salary to their Chairman, and if it is, what in their opinion his salary ought to be.—

A letter was received from James Robinson Esq. proposing himself a candidate for the office of Superintendent of Police.—

Voted, that Wednesday next be assigned as the time for coming to the choice of Superintendent of Police for the ensuing year.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 26th. 1817 —Present The Whole Board.—

Several persons having applied to hire the enclosed land on the Neck, it was voted, that the Committee of the Neck be empowered to lease such parts of that land as they shall judge best at auction.—

Messrs. Hunnewell & Dorr a committee to see that the proprietors of Rowe's Wharf comply with the conditions on which the Legislature granted leave to extend their wharf into the Channel.

The Chairman, Mr. Hunnewell & Mr. Phillips a committee to meet Mr. Boylston, to confer with him on the subject of the Towns claims, and [**108.**] to endeavour to bring the same to a settlement.—

The New Cornhill Corporation having it in contemplation to lay out a new street, northerly of Cheapside, The Chairman, Mr. Oliver and Mr. Hunnewell were chosen a committee to examine the places and confer with the Corporation respecting said street and report.—

The Committee of the Common and of ward No. 7, were desired to meet the abutters on Beacon street, to determine, with them, the width that the foot walk shall be laid in future, and the outer line of the same.

The following officers were chosen for the year ensuing—
Samuel Phillips—hay weigher—
John Parker & Joseph Lovering Esq. his bondsmen.

Nathl. Merriam, Clerk of the market.—

Caleb Loring Jur. weigher of boats & lighters.

Voted to postpone the choice of sealer of weights & measures until Wednesday next.—

This time being assigned for choice of Police officer.—it was voted, that the salary of the Superintendent should be one thousand dollars for the year ensuing.—votes being taken, Nehemiah Freeman Esq. was declared to be unanimously chosen.

Messrs. Lovering & Phillips a Commee. to examine Mr. Bonds account of expences on Town Clocks.—

[**109.**] The petition of a number of the gentlemen occupying stores at the bottom of State street, requesting permission to raise goods from the street into the upper stories of their stores, was committed to the committee who have such applications under consideration. Also Henderson Inches Esqr's application for the same privilege at his store on his wharf.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 2d. 1817— Present the Whole Board.

The Committee appointed to examine Mr. Bonds bill for charge of the clocks the past year, reported the deductions proper to be made; and that they had considered it for the towns interest to have the clocks in future taken care of for a fixed sum, to include all charges; that they had offered the contract to Mr. Bond who had declined it, and that Mr. Adams was ready to agree for the sum of eighty dollars to take the care of the clock at the Old South and the clock of Second church in Middle street. & to take upon himself the risk of repairs. The report was accepted and the Committee authorized to agree with Mr. Adams for the charge of the clock of the church in Hollis street, if he would contract for the whole for, one hundred dollars.—

The monthly accounts examined & the draft closed.

Messrs. Dorr & Silsby added to the Committee on Boylstons concerns. —

[**110.**] A petition was received from a number of hair-dressers & barbers requesting that their shops and those of all others in their business should be closed on Sundays the same was considered, when it appeared to be the sense of the board, that it was not expedient to take any measures thereon.—

The Committee of South schools was empowered to procure materials and have them fitted for repairing the floor of the south writing school house; also to have blinds made for the new south school house in Mason street.

Mr. Peter Dickerman was approved as an auctioneer.—

This time being assigned for choosing a Sealer of Weights & Measures—Applications were read from a number of persons— and a vote taken by ballot, when Mr. Allan Pollack was declared to be chosen.

The following named persons were allowed to raise goods &c from the passageway back of their stores into the chamber stories of the same: until further order of the board.

Messrs. Willard & Felton - - - No. 50 State Street.
Simon Elliot & Co. - - - - - 51
Rufus Ellis - - - - - - - - 52
Robert G. Shaw - - - - - - 53
Tarbel & Eveleth - - - - - 54
Luther Ellis - - - - - - - - 55 - - - - - - - - - Also Mr. Henderson Inches at his store on his wharf.—

[**111.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 9th. 1817—Present the Whole Board.—

The Chairman having represented to the board, that the suit against the heirs of Gov. Hancock for land back of Beacon hill had terminated in favour of the Town.—The Chairman, Messrs. Oliver & Phillips were chosen a committee to have the land staked out that had been recovered, and to call upon the heirs for an adjustment of the account for the gravel, earth & stones that have been dug and carted away therefrom.—

Mrs. Wells one of the proprietors of land in Lynn street, having applied for the allowance formerly awarded by referrees for land taken to widen that street; Messrs Austin & Silsby were requested to examine into the claim and report.—

A proposal was received from Benj Weld Esq. for widening the street at the south end of Pearl street in front of the estate formerly of Jonathan Harris.—
Committed to Messrs. Hunnewell & Silsby.

Application having been made by the Superintendent of Police for an assistant to enable him to execute the duties of his office. The following votes were passed.—
That the Superintendent nominate to the [**112.**] board, such persons as he shall think qualified for the office of assistant police officer :—that one person be chosen from those so nominated for the present year, subject to removal at the pleasure of the board.—That the salary of the assistant be five hundred dollars pr. annum.—

That besides the general duty of assisting the Superintendent in inspecting the town and enforcing the laws, under orders from him, that he shall pay special attention to the standing of hay. wood & cyder on the places assigned for those articles.—

That he shall attend at West Boston hill on the evenings of Saturday and on Sundays, to preserve good order.—

That he superintend the lamp lighters, and order and inspect the accounts of all repairs of lamps.—The list of candidates being read—Votes were taken, & Mr. Caleb Hayward was declared to be chosen.—

Voted, That the Chairman be desired to prepare an abstract of the by laws of the town, and also of the laws enacted by the Legislature of the Commonwealth for the special regulation of this town. that the same be printed and distributed for the general information of the inhabitants.—

[**113.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 16th. 1817.—

Present the Whole Board.—

Mr. John Smith had liberty to extend the common sewer in Lynn street, up to his house; the expence to be borne by him and by those who may enter drains into this additional part.—

Mr. Hunnewell reported the quarterly accounts of the hay weigher examined & approved by him, and the balance ordered to be paid to the Treasurer.

The application of a number of the abutters on Cornhill respecting the widening of the side walk.—Committed to Messrs. Phillips & Dorr.—

Application for repair of South Boston streets committed to the Committee of the South district, to view and report, also to examine the state of the pound at South Boston.

A complaint against a machine for weighing erected by Mr. Dearborn in Wharf street, committed to Mr. Oliver.

The application of Mr. Hastings—occupying a building in School street—[**114.**] and of Mr. Davis, occupying rooms in Cornhill square for liberty to raise goods from the streets into their chambers having been considered by the gentlemen to whom they were committed.—report was made that the request could not be granted; which report was accepted.—

A Committee from the directors of Cornhill Corporation made a proposition, that the alley or passageway from Court street to Brattle square should be cancelled and they have liberty to extend their buildings over the same, upon their agreeing to lay out another passage way twelve feet wide, back of their buildings.—The gentlemen having retired, it was agreed that Belknaps alley should be cancelled and the land added to the lots on the north side of Cheapside, and also the land abutting on Dorsets alley in front of Blanchards house, on condition that Dorsets alley should be left twelve feet wide, and that the Corporation would contract to lay out a carriage way at least thirty feet wide, in any direction most convenient to them, to lead from Court street to Brattle square.—

A communication was received from Nehemiah Freeman Esq. respecting the trucks and carts standing east of Faneuil hall.—It was voted, that the Superintendent be desired to report the names of the owners of trucks and carts on that stand, and the number of each owned by them.—

[**115.**] On a complaint of a house near Lyman street in a decayed and ruinous condition, the Chairman was desired to notify the owner M^r^. Nickerson of the necessity of taking it down, and that if not immediately attended to, a complaint for a nuisance would be laid before the Grand Jury.—

On the application of a number of the inhabitants, warrant for a town meeting was signed, relative to a revision of the by laws respecting carts and trucks.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 18th. 1817.— Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Lovering, Austin, Phillips, Bass & Dorr.—

6 Jurors were drawn for the Boston Court of Common Pleas.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 22^d^. 1817.— Present the Whole Board.—

The Town at a meeting this day empowered the Selectmen to appoint a Committee of seven persons [**116.**] to take the petition of the truckmen into consideration.—the Board now proceeded to the choice of said Committee & selected the following gentlemen.—

William Sullivan
Richard D. Tucker
Isaac Winslow
Benjamin Rich
Ebenezer Farley
Josiah Bradlee
Thomas Badger

The Chairman was desired to notify the gentlemen & request them to meet on Thursday next 4 o'clock P.M.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 23^d^. 1817— Present—The Whole Board.

The Committee on South Boston streets, requested further time to view & make report.

M^r^. Dearborn presented a petition in favour of his weighing machine being continued in Well street—which was referred to Messrs. Dorr & Silsby for further inquiry.—

M^r^. Aaron Osgood having renewed his application for an auction license, principally for sale of books, at a store in Newbury street; it was agreed that he shonld be licensed to transact business only at said store in Newbury street.—

[**117.**] The Chairman was desired to notify the Clerk of the South Boston association, to be laid before the president & directors, that it had become necessary to have a suitable piece of land assigned for a burying ground on that peninsula—and to request them to take the measures for that purpose which are directed in the act to annex part of the Town of Dorchester to the Town of Boston.—

The Chairman, M^r. Dorr & M^r. Silsby a committee to meet the gentlemen appointed to revise the by laws relative to trucks & carts.—

The Committee to whom the subject was referred, reported, that M^r. Asher Benjamin be allowed to raise goods &c into the chamber stories of his stores from the passageway leading by said stores out of Broad street: until further orders of the board; report was accepted.—

It was determined to proceed to prepare lists for renewal of the jury box previous to the May meeting—printed lists of the inhabitants in each ward, and of the papers selected at the last revision of the boxes, were handed to the several members of the board, who were desired to proceed in making a careful selection of persons qualified to serve as jurors.—and for this purpose to ask the assistance of any gentlemen in their division which they might think necessary.

[**118.**] On the application of M^r. Fred^k. Lane he has liberty to build a bakers oven in a ten foot building occupied by him in Leverett street.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 30th. 1817.—Present—The Whole Board.—

The Committee on South Boston Streets—requested further time to view & report.—

The Committee to view the position of M^r. Dearborn's machine for weighing in Well street. reported their opinion that it should be suffered to remain there, subject to removal by order of the board whenever found to be inconvenient—the report was accepted.—

M^r. Bourguin occupying a store near the conduit pump, & M^r. Purkit in Doane street ask permission to raise goods, into their chamber stories.—committed to the committee on that subject.—

M^r. Batts wishing to occupy a stable in Friend street belonging to the widow Noble for a livery stable, and objection having been made by the neighbours.—the committee of Section N°. 2 was desired to view and report.—

[**119.**] The Committee of Section N°. 2 was desired to take measures for paving the easterly half of Cheapside immediately, on conditions that the proprietors would advance the money, to be repaid out of the next tax, and would agree to make at their expense any repairs that should become necessary in twelve months.—

The Chairman, Messrs. Phillips, & Silsby a Committee to meet the directors of Mill pond Corporation on some proposed alteration of streets and arrangement of property in the pond.—

M^{r}. Warren Pennyman was approved as an auctioneer, he having served a regular apprenticeship to that business and being well recommended.—

The petition for an auction license of M^{r}. Tim°. Hathaway was referred for consideration to the Committee of Section N° 1.

The Bond of Samuel Phillips, hay weigher duly executed was handed in by the Town Clerk, and placed on file.—

Grand & Petit Jurors were drawn for Circuit Court of U. States.—

The Board came to the choice of a gentleman to deliver an oration on the [**120.**] 4th. of July next, being the anniversary of American Independence, & Edward T. Channing Esq. was unanimously chosen.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 7th. 1817— Present the Whole Board.—

The Committee on South Boston streets—reported that the street leading to M^{r}. Joseph Woodwards would require about twenty loads of gravel—and that the other streets appeared in very good order.—

The Committee who had viewed the wooden stable in Friend street proposed to be used by M^{r}. Batts as a livery stable, reported that it was not a suitable building or situation to be used for that purpose, the building being of wood & surrounded with other wooden buildings. the report was accepted.—

A letter was received from Edward T. Channing Esq. acknowledging the honour done him in appointing him to deliver the 4th. July oration and accepting the appointment.—

Warrant was signed for Town meeting for choice of Representatives—M^{r}. Buckingham to print notifications—Rev. M^{r}. Holley to be invited to open the meeting with prayer.—

[**121.**] At the desire of Mr. Francis Amory, the Chairman presented for consideration a plan of Center street, where a new brick stable is now building on the estate of late John Codman Esq.—the proprietors of this estate propose to carry back the line of their building and to pay two hundred dollars provided the street can be widened by drawing a line from the westerly corner of Codman's land to the westerly corner of the estate of Swift.—This proposal was considered, and it being found that the proceeding would essentially injure Swift's estate and occasion great expense, and that the street could not be widened at the entrace on Fish street; it was agreed that it was not expedient to take any measures respecting it.

The Town Treasurer having reported that the sealer of weights & measures had in his possession one complete set of avoirdupois weights—and one broken set; and that there were no standard troy weights belonging to the Town.—Voted, That the Treasurer be desired to procure a set of standard troy weights, and to deliver them to the sealer & take his receipt therefor and also for the one complete set now in his possession:—and that the sealer also give a receipt to the Town Clerk for all other weights in his hands belonging to the Town.—

The Committee of Section N° 2 were empowered to have the necessary repairs to the pavement in Green street.—

[**122.**] The Committee of Section N°. 1—were also empowered to repair Center street, as soon as they should judge expedient.—

General Henry Dearborn having expressed his willingness to furnish flat stones to be placed across Milk street, in front of his house, it was agreed that they should be laid at the expence of the Town.—

The Committee to whom was referred Mr. Hathaways petition for auction license, reported their opinion, that it was not expedient to grant him such licence.—report accepted.—

Mr. Lovering reported that he had purchased two freights of gravel for Front street—he was desired to have it spread, that an estimate might be made of the quantity necessary for the whole street.—

The Committee on Charles street was desired to have one or two freights of gravel from Fox hill spread on that street, to determine the quantity necessary for the whole.

The Committee of the South schools empowered to have a range of movable forms made, to place along the front seat.—

M^r. Phillips was empowered to examine into any encroachments on Brighton street, Spring street, and at the bottom of Poplar street; to employ M^r. Taylor the surveyer to ascertain the true boundaries and Town rights.—& to report.—

[123.] The following additional rules and orders were proposed by M^r. Silsby; the same were considered & accepted and ordered to be recorded.—

1st. Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Town Clerk to record all matters & transactions that the Board of Selectmen have already determined or may have to consider; and whatever business may remain unfinished, the same shall be brought forward at each and every subsequent meeting: until said business shall be completed or otherwise disposed of.—

2^d. That the said Clerk shall read said records at said Meetings, and each article shall be acted on when read: separately and in progression.

3^d. That the Chairman shall put all questions to a vote.

4th. That for the purpose of preventing frequent interruptions to business by the door keeper: it shall be his duty to bring in the names of applicants for admission, *on paper*, & hand the same to the Chairman or Clerk.—

5th. Written notice shall be given each member whenever he may be appointed on a standing committee & the purpose for which he was elected.—

[124.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 14th. 1817.—Present the Whole Board.—

Warrant was signed for Town meeting on the 26th. instant to transact the monied concerns, and other business applied for by petitions to be laid before the Town.—

Ward N. Boylston Esq. having presented a petition to the Town on the subject of the suit now pending between him and the town—it was voted, That the Chairman, M^r. Hunnewell & M^r. Silsby be a committee to procure a gentlemen of the bar, for the purpose of making an exposition of the Towns controversy with Ward N. Boylston at the meeting of the Town on Monday the 26th. current.

The Committee on Front street reported that two freights of gravel had been spread on that street, and from the best estimate which they could make, it would require fifty freights to complete the whole street. The Committee was authorized to procure that quantity of gravel for said street.—

Mr. Phillips reported that he had examined into the state of Brighton street & Poplar street and found that an encroachment had been made by Mr. Andrew Townsend on Brighton street, by a shop which projects six feet [**125.**] into that street. And that another encroachment had been made by Mr. Ramsdell on the dock at the west end of Poplar street.—Voted, That the persons who have made the above mentioned encroachments be notified to remove them immediately.—

On the application of David Greenough Esq. in behalf of the proprietors of stores on the north side of Cheapside.—Mr. Hunnewell was added to the Committee of District No°. 2—to attend to and direct the regulation of Brattle street, back of their stores.—

A claim was presented by Amos Binney Esq. for land taken to widen Elm street.—to lie for consideration.—

The Committee on the Common was empowered to proceed to complete a new fence on the inside of the old mall.—

Proposals from the Clerk of the market respecting porters, to lie for consideration.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 21st. 1817—Present the Whole Board.—

Mrs. Pulsifer having lately caused a drain to be laid from her house [**126.**] in Back street to the sewer laid by Messrs. John & Benjamin T. Wells in street in 1813.—and it appearing that four persons had now made use of said sewer by carrying their drains thereto,—it was Voted that Mrs. Pulsifer should pay one fifth part of the original cost being twenty dollars to each share and become a proprietor of the common sewer, to receive a proportion of what might be paid by any one entering it in future.

The Committee on the Boylston suit reported that they had applied to William Sullivan Esq. and had delivered to him the letters & papers in that case, to enable him to form a statement to be laid before the Town at the ensuing Town meeting.—

The same Committee was desired to employ Mr. Sullivan to answer in next Saturday's Centinel, the statements which have appeared in late papers from Boylston or some person in his behalf.

On the application of Mr. Patten Hall, Mr. Hunnewell Mr. Lovering & Silsby were appointed a committee to view his store in Union street and the others adjoining which are to be taken down and rebuilt in order to make the line of the new buildings straight from Mr. Andrew's store—they reported that it is now

from the inside of the edge stone, measuring from the joint between the stones seven feet and five inches to [127.] Mr. Halls store: and that he be allowed to come forward at the corner of the new building, one foot, so as to leave the side walk six feet & five inches from the front when finished.—

Agreed to the pointing & painting of the south side of the first story of Faneuil hall, to be commenced immediately.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 29th. 1817. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Lovering, Austin, Phillips, Bass & Dorr.—

Passed the Quarterly & Monthly Accounts.

Mr. Pollock, the sealer of weights & measures having suggested some difficulties which occur in executing the law; The Chairman was empowered to call on Mr. Thacher in company with Mr. Pollock & consult him on the subject; and to take measures for such alteration of the law as will make it more easy and certain of execution.—

The following was voted for the regulations of constables on public days.—Voted, That whenever on public days, the Constables are employed at the expence of the Town, they shall be directed to observe the orders of the Board, conveyed to them by the Superintendent of Police; and to [128.] conform to all such regulations adopted by him, as shall be considered most conducive to preserve good order, and to prevent riotous & irregular conduct.

The Town having, at the late meeting directed the Selectmen to appoint a committee to consist of one person from each of the Wards on the subject of the schools.—the following names were now selected from lists offered by the petitioners & from others nominated by the board.

Ward No.	1	Henry J. Oliver
	2	Redford Webster
	3	Jacob Hall
	4	James W. Burdett
	5	Jona. P. Hall
	6	Isaac Winslow
	7	Gideon Snow
	8	John Dorr
	9	Samuel May
	10	David W. Child
	11	Isaac Stevens
	12	Joseph Field

On the application of a number of owners & residents on the easterly part of Milk street, stating the conveniences that would arise from an alteration of the name of part of that street—the subject having been considered—Voted that the easterly part of Milk street commencing at Battery March street and extending to the water be hereafter called and known by the name of *Commercial* street.—

[**129.**] An application from Capt. Daniel L. Gibbins for powder, short delivered to his company at the review in September last,—to lie for examination.—

A plan was exhibited by M^{r}. Hales the surveyer, of land owned by heirs of Gov. Hancock, back of the State house,—showing the manner in which they proposed to lay out the streets & lots—M^{r}. Hales was desired to put on the plan, the land belonging to the Town, and to lay it before the board for consideration.—

It was agreed that Messrs. E & A. Allen should hire cellar N° 2 under Faneuil Hall at $32.81 p^{r}. Quarter.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 3^{d}. 1817—Present Messrs. Bulfinch Lovering, Austin, Phillips & Bass.—

Warrant was signed for a Town meeting on the 5th. instant. to adopt suitable measures to evidence the respect of the inhabitants for the President of the United States, on his expected visit to this metropolis.—

M^{r}. Buckingham to print the notifications.—

[**130.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 4th. 1817—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Lovering, Austin, Phillips & Dorr.

Return was made by M^{r}. Sargent Smith, of the expence of opening & repairing a drain back of houses at the easterly end of Myrtle street—the account whereof being duly examined by the Selectmen was by them allowed; they being informed at the same time that all persons concerned in said drain had been notified according to law and that no objection had been made.—Assessment was now made, an order of payment was passed by the Selectmen as follows, viz.—

Whereas a drain or common sewer has been made back of houses at the easterly end of Myrtle street, conformably to the directions of the Selectmen, the whole expence whereof amounts to sixty four dollars, which expence is to be borne by such persons whose drains enter therein & receive benefit thereby—Wherefore We the Subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Boston certify that having considered the same expence and by whom and in

what [manner] it ought to be paid *Do Adjudge* that the same be paid in the proportion following and by the persons hereafter named—viz

Benjamin Humphrey, Widow Larkin, Jacob Saunderson, William Homer [**131.**], Joseph Baxter, Matthew Lodge, $10.67 each, and We hereby authorize and empower Mr. Sargent Smith to demand & receive the same and to give discharges therefor.—

Signed CHARLES BULFINCH
EBEN. OLIVER
JONA. HUNNEWELL
JOS. LOVERING
JOS. AUSTIN
TURNER PHILLIPS

Return was made by Mr. Joseph Richards of the expence of repairing a drain in Orange street, the account whereof being duly examined by the Selectmen was by them allowed; they being informed at the same time that all persons concerned in said drain had been notified according to law and that no objection had been made. Assessment was now made, an order of payment was passed by the Selectmen as follows viz. Whereas a drain or common sewer has been laid in Orange Street, conformably to the directions of the Selectmen, the whole expence whereof amounts to two hundred dollars, which expence is to be borne by such persons whose drains enter therein and receive benefit thereby—Wherefore We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Boston certify that having considered the same expence and by whom and in what manner it ought to be paid *Do Adjudge* [**132.**] that the same be paid in the proportion following and by the persons hereafter named. viz

Widow Dix, John Parker, Joseph Richards, Charles Lovel, William Fenno, $40.00 each, and we hereby authorize and empower Mr. Timothy Tileston to demand and receive the same and to give discharges therefor.—

Signed, CHARLES BULFINCH
EBENR OLIVER
JONA. HUNNEWELL
JOS. LOVERING
JOS. AUSTIN
TURNER PHILLIPS
SAML. DORR

Messrs. French & Weld applied for liberty to convey water to their distillery, across Pecks lane from a well on land of Mr. P. Wentworth and brought a paper signed by the neighbours, signifying their consent.—Voted that Messr. French & Weld have liberty to convey the water across the street as applied for, provided that no permanent roof or building be made over the water course, and that the privilege now granted be subject to

the regulation and entire removal by the board, should circumstances in their opinion render it expedient.—

Messrs. Jacob & Charles Tidd apply to lease a piece of ground [**133.**] belonging to the Town, back of their distill house, at the corner of Portland & Ivers streets: referred to the Committee of Section N°. 2. to view & report, also to consider the proposal of some of the abutters on Portland street for liberty to dig a well in the street.—

Mr. Hunnewell was desired to confer with the committee who have the charge of building the new Universalist church in School street, to prevent the projection of steps into the street.—

An application was made for the use of the school houses for the accommodation of Sunday schools.—referred to the School Committee.—

A communication was received from Nehemiah Freeman Esq. respecting the constables conduct on public days.—to lie for consideration.—

[**134.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 11th. 1817—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Lovering, Phillips, Bass & Dorr.—

Messrs. Hall & Weld being about to take down the store at the corner of Elm street, the award was now opened of the referees to assess the damages to b paid by the town for part of their land taken to widen Elm street, being seven feet wide on Union street and in a line to Mareans brick house in Elm street.—the amount of damages were assessed at twenty five hundred dollars —by P. C. Brooks, Wm Sullivan, Thomas Dennie, Saml. Snelling & Asher Benjamin.—

An application was received from all the owners and occupants of stores on the new street—leading from Court street to the market, and agreeably to their request it was voted; that the said street shall in future be called and known by the name of Market street.—

[**135.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 18th. 1817.—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Lovering, Austin, Phillips, Bass & Dorr.—

Jurors were drawn for District Court.—Also for Boston Court of Common Pleas.—

On the application of a number of the officers of the military companies, it was agreed that the military hall over Faneuil

Hall should be painted, & M^r. Phillips was desired to have it done, not to exceed sixty dollars cost.—

[136.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 25th. 1817.—Present the whole Board, except M^r. Hunnewell.

The following Persons were approved as auctioneers for the year ensuing.—viz.

Samuel L. Abbott
James A. Allen
Francis Amory
Charles W. Apthorp
William Alline
Elam Bliss
Stephen Brown
Lemuel Blake
George Bond
James Bourguin
Joseph Burdakin
Horatio Bass
Thomas Clark
Cornelius Coolidge
Geo. G. Channing
Saml. F. Coolidge
Gilman Collamore
William Cochran
Joseph L. Cunningham
Samuel Cabot
Joseph Cabot
Martin Clap
William Dehon
Geo. L. Deblois
Peter Dickerman
Richard Edwards
David M. Eaton
David Forsaith
Silas Field
William Gridley Ju^r.
Caleb Hayward
Rich^d. H. Hough
Charles Head
Daniel Hearsey
Alex^r. H. Gibbs
W^m. Hartwell
Thos. K. Jones
Fred^k. W. Ingraham
Charles Lerow
Philip Marett
David Marston
Henry Marston
John Minchin
John P. Orcutt
Lemuel Pope Ju^r.
Jacob Peabody
Elisha Parks
Luther Parks
Asahel Plimpton
Warren Pennyman
Joseph Ripley
Frink Roberts
Frink Stratton
Benj^a. Seaver
William Tucker
John Tyler
Saml. Whitwell
Nat^l H. Whittaker
Benj^a. Winslow
Francis Wilby
John White
Henry White
Charles Willis Ju^r.

[137.] Representation was received from Town Treasurer, that he had received from his honor William Phillips Esq.—Five thousand dollars—the bequest of his late father, and had paid the same to James Prince Esq. Treasurer of the Massachusetts General Hospital Corporation—with duplicates of the receipts given & received.

On the application of Mr. Henry Marston, he was approved as an auctioneer.

A list containing the names of several persons licensed as auctioneers last year, was committed to Messrs. Dorr & Silsby, to enquire into their conduct and report on the expediency of renewing their licenses.—

Mr. Joshua Butters was chosen measurer of wood brought in by land over Charles River Bridge.

Voted, That Mr. Buckingham shall print the 4th. July Oration.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 30th. 1817—Present a Majority of the Board.

Passed the Monthly Accounts.

The Chairman was desired to give orders for the bells to ring on the morning of the 4th. July, from half past 6. to 7. o'clock.—

[**138.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 7th. 1817—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Lovering, Austin, Dorr, & Bass.—

3 Jurors were drawn for Circuit Court of the United States.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 9th. 1817—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Lovering, Austin, Phillips, Bass & Dorr.—

The return from the Court of Sessions, was examined, of all persons licensed the year past for [the] sale of spirits.—such of them as were known and thought to have conducted their business conformably to law, were now approved for renewal of license—lists of persons—unknown, or of whom the board were doubtful, were handed to the several members for inquiry—to report on their characters &c.—

Wednesday next was assigned for choice of constables.—

[**139.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 16th. 1817—Present the whole Board except Mr. Dorr.

The market Committee were authorized to make the necessary repairs on the roof of the square market west of Faneuil Hall.

Messrs. Lovering & Phillips were chosen a committee to sign a draft on the Treasurer for the expenses attending the visit of

the President of the United States; the accounts having been approved by the committee of arrangements.

It was voted that the committees of the several districts should proceed in paving the following streets.
Boylston street
Battery March street from Hamilton street to Broad street.
East end of Mill pond street.
Doane street easterly end.—

Messrs. Hunnewell & Lovering were desired to view Griffins lane to consider what was proper to be done for repair and improvement & report.

The several Committees on the Schools were requested to take measures to supply their schools with wood for the next season.

[140.] The Committee chosen by the Town in addition to the Selectmen, to settle the accounts of the Town's counsel in the suit against W. N. Boylston Esq. now attended agreeably to invitation. The accounts of Perez Morton, Saml. Dexter & Wm. Prescott Esqrs. were laid before them when it was voted that James T. Austin, Arnold Welles & Enoch Silsby Esqrs. be a sub committee; to whom those accounts and all proceedings of the board relative to engagements with counsel should be committed to consider & adopt suitable measures for their adjustment.

Voted on the request of Perez Morton Esq. that the Selectmen be desired to give him an order on the Town Treasurer for five hundred dollars in part payment of his account.

The following named persons were chosen constables for the current year with the sureties annexed to their names.—viz

Thomas Stevenson - - - Thos. Junr. & William Stevenson
Elisha Copeland - - - - John Perry & John Gibson
Solomon Twist - - - - Wm. Simonds & Amos Penniman
Wm. Tupper - - - - - - Josiah Dunham & Hiram Tupper
Wm Brooks - - - - - - - Moses Wallach.
James Perkins - - - - - James Williams & Jonas Green
Jonathan Prescott - - - John Barnard & Frans. A. Foxcroft.
William Dinsmore - - - David S. Eaton & John Aiken
George Reed - - - - - - Francis Gareaux & Martin Burr.
George Jackson - - - - Caleb Whiting & John Loring
Thomas Holden - - - - Augustus O. Barton & Oliver Downing
Mitchell Lincoln - - - - Bradford Lincoln & Joseph Baxter
[141.] Wendell R. Barker Thomas Darling & Elijah Stedman
Benja. C. Stevenson - - Shubael Bell & Thos. Stevenson Junr.
Andrew Sanborn - - - - Leach Harris & Jotham Barnes
Samuel Holmes - - - - - James Farrar & Adam French

David Rixford - - - - - Wm P. Whiting & Ephraim Whitney.—
Josiah Baldwin - - - - - Peter Mackintosh & Christoph^r. Lincoln.
Thomas Wallace (appointed Octr. 16th. 1817)
Sureties, Hon. Daniel Sargent & Ignatius Sargent Esq^rs.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 23^d. 1817—
Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Lovering, Austin, Silsby & Bass.—

The committee respecting the pound at South Boston reported that they had viewed a suitable place belonging to Neddy Curtis, that he had agreed to furnish the ground free of expense on a lease for twenty years, and to build a secure pound twenty feet square—the Town to pay him one hundred dollars when the same shall be completed.

The above report was accepted.

A memorial was received from M^rs. Dix, relative to the drain in Orange street lately repaired :—it was agreed that M^rs. Dix should be informed that if she would ascertain by digging down to the drain from her house, that it does not connect with this sewer, she should be excused from the assessment.—

[142.] Messrs. Phillips & Silsby a committee on the application of M^r. Irving for liberty to occupy some part of the vacant land in Hatters square.

The new law for the better regulation of licensed houses being under consideration, M^r. Caleb Hayward was chosen Tythingman in pursuance of the powers vested in the board by the 4th. section of said law, and for the purpose of carrying the regulations thereof into effect.—And it is further Ordered that said officer call upon every person licensed to deal in spirituous liquors, to deliver a printed copy of the law, and to direct each person to place a sign in front of his or her place of business, with the name painted thereon, and the following words to designate the kind of license which has been granted to any & every person.

Licensed Innholder	Licensed Confectioner
Licensed Victualler	Licensed to retail Spirits.

Messrs. Oliver, Hunnewell, Lovering, Phillips & Bass a committee to inspect West Boston hill to report what persons shall be licensed there for [the] sale of spirits.—

The Chairman was desired to call upon the heirs of Deacon Brown respecting the land between his house and South Boston Bridge.

It was determined that it was not necessary to employ a constable on the Sundays at South Boston.

It was agreed that a gutter should be paved in South Pond street, as far as the abutters shall lay side walks.—

[**143.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 30. 1817. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Lovering, Phillips, Bass & Silsby.—

Passed the Monthly Accounts.

The Committee chosen at the last meeting to view the hill at West Boston made a report in part; they were desired to consider the subject more fully and report at the next meeting the measures which they would recommend for correcting the abuses that exist there, and for maintaining good order.—

A memorial was received from a number of fishermen who have long supplied the market with fish, stating that they had been removed from their stalls on the dock, by order of the Board of health; & requesting that new stands should be provided for them.—it was handed to the market committee, Mr. Bass being added thereto in the absence of Mr. Dorr:—to consider the subject in concurrence with a committee of the Board of Health, and to report.—

Agreed that it was inexpedient to extend the enlargement of the com. sewer in Milk street, further than has already been done.

The Commee. on the hay scales reported that Mr. Phillip's account to July 1. was correct & that a bale. was due the Town of $77.92—which had been ordered to be paid to the Treasurer.

[**144.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 6th. 1817—Present the Whole Board—except Mr. Dorr.—

Voted that the committee on South schools take measures to raise the ground in the yard round the south reading school, as they may find necessary, and put the pump in good order.—

Joseph Rowe Esq. having proposed to lay plank for a foot walk bordering on Rowe's pasture in Essex street: it was agreed that he might cover the walk with plank, provided he put edge stones at the usual distance from the fence and plank the whole space to the fence and keep the same in repair.—

A communication was received from the Trustees of the Masts. General hospital, proposing that parts of certain streets should be discontinued, through land which they contemplate purchasing for

the new hospital at West Boston. It was agreed that the board would meet the Trustees, to view the situation &c on Monday next at 11 o'clock and that the trustees be informed thereof.—

The Market Committee reported that they had examined all the places which had been proposed for a fish market—and at present could find none more convenient [**145.**] than the building occupied for vegetable stalls at the west side of the market square.—A memorial was received from the proprietors of stores bordering on the place proposed by the committee for a fish market—after some conversation, it was agreed to refer this memorial & recommit the subject to the Market Committee, to confer with a new committee of the board of health and report.

Mr. Ridgway appeared and stated his intention to remove the steps from his house, which now incumber the foot walk in Cambridge street provided the Town would pay part of the expense. Voted, That Mr. Phillips examine the situation and make such agreement for the removal of the steps from the street, as he may think reasonable.—

Mrs. Dix having had an opening made to the drain from her house, as was proposed some time since—Messrs. Oliver, Hunnewell, & Bass were chosen a committee to view the same & report.

Application having been made to widen & pave Griffins lane at the southerly end of Pearl street. Voted, that the Chairman inform B. Weld Esq a principal proprietor that the board will allow one thousand dollars for the [**146.**] improvement and paving of that street. provided it be widened by drawing a line on the west side from the corner of Mr. Richardsons house to range with the east side of Mrs. Cottons house on Purchase street—removing the school house & the shop now at the corner of the lane:—the east side to range on a line as nearly parallel to the above line as possible—and making the street about twenty eight feet wide and the pavement to be completed to the satisfaction of the Board.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 13. 1817—Present the Board except Mr. Dorr.

Mr. Rowe to be informed that unless he immediately proceed to lay the side walks in Essex street, agreeably to the last votes of the board: that workmen will be employed to do the same according to law.—

The Market Committee reported that they had again attended to the location of the Fish market, and had agreed with the committee of the board of health, that the easterly end of the vegetable market on the south side would be the most suitable place,

and would accommodate twelve stalls. The report was accepted & the committee empowered to proceed in removing the present occupants & building the stalls.—

[147.] An answer was received from Benjamin Weld Esq. to the proposals of the board for improving Griffins Lane—in which he declines to undertake it wholly—but accedes to the former proposal of the board—to remove his fences, if the board will have the street paved as far as his land extends, both in the centre and in the foot walk.—M^r. Welds proposal is agreed to and the committee of that district empowered to proceed with the pavement.

The Board having viewed the streets at West Boston which the directors of the General hospital have applied to have closed for the benefit of that institution—Voted—that as the Lechmere point Corporation subscribed in 1812 part of the expense of forming a communication from Leverett street to Cambridge street, through Bridge street, part of which it is now proposed to inclose—The Chairman inform the President & Directors of that Corporation that another street called Blossom street will be immediately opened, a little to the east of the one now shut up, which will make good the communication between Allen & Cambridge streets—That by this means an important accommodation may be given to the hospital establishment without interrupting the travel, or interfering with the convenience of the neighborhood.

[148.] The Committee of the Market empowered to make such repairs to the pavement south of Faneuil Hall as they find necessary.

Boston ss. At a Meeting [of] the Selectmen August 19th. 1817—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Austin, Phillips, Bass & Dorr.

Return was made by M^r. Thomas Barnes of the expense of opening and repairing a drain in Middle street—the account whereof being duly examined by the Selectmen was by them allowed; they being informed at the same time that all persons concerned in said drain had been notified according to law & that no objection had been made.—Assessment was now made, an order of payment was passed by the Selectmen as follows viz—

Whereas a drain or common sewer has been laid in Middle street conformably to the directions of the Selectmen, the whole expense whereof amounts to seventy six dollars and ninety one cents—which expense is to be borne by such persons whose drains enter therein & receive benefit thereby—Wherefore We the Subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Boston certify that having considered the same expense and by whom and in what manner it

ought to be paid *Do Adjudge* that the same be paid [**149.**] in the proportion following and by the persons hereafter named—viz.—

Anthony Otheman, Joseph White, Samuel Parkman, Ezra Dyer, Sam[l]. Beals, Prince Snow Agent, Heirs of M. M. Hayes, each $4.82.

Margarit & Robert Pulsifer, George Creighton, Charles Pook, Heirs of Ja[s]. Robbins, J. Rice Ag[t], Miss —— Barker, Heirs James Cary, Loring Sargent, M[r]. —— Dutch, Michael Corne, Thomas Capen, Heirs of Bowlings, B. Smith ag[t], Cap[t]. Seth Webber, Aaron M. Peasley, Mary Slater, William Daley, William Abrams, M[r]. —— Wise, Sam[l]. Wheeler, each $2.41.

And We hereby authorize & empower M[r]. Thomas Barnes to demand and receive the same and to give discharges therefor.

Signed by a Majority of the Board.

[**150.**] Return was made by Cap[t]. Michael Homer of the expense of opening and repairing a drain in Milk street—the account whereof being duly examined by the Selectmen was by them allowed; they being informed at the same time that all persons concerned in said drain had been notified according to law and that no objection had been made—Assessment was now made, an order of payment was passed by the Selectmen as follows—viz—

Whereas a drain or common sewer has been laid in Milk street conformably to the directions of the Selectmen, the whole expense whereof amounts to two hundred & thirty seven dollars & fifty seven cents, which expense is to be borne by such persons whose drains enter therein and receive benefit thereby—Wherefore We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Boston certify that having considered the same expense and by whom and in what manner it ought to be paid *Do Adjudge* that the same be paid in the proportion following and by the persons hereafter named—viz.—

Deacon Salisbury, $36.60, Josiah Quincy, Alex[r]. Young, —— Bancroft, Estate of Abram Edwards, William Keith, each $18.30, Robert Williams, Cap[t]. Peters, Oliver Wendell, John Phillips, Hubbard Oliver, John Holland, [**151.**] M[rs]. Swan, Nath[l]. Howland, George Homer, W[m]. Clough, S. Stanford, —— Cogswell, each $9.15.

And we hereby authorize and empower Cap[t]. Michael Homer to demand and receive the same and to give discharges therefor.

Signed by all the members present.

A letter was received from Joseph Rowe Esq. stating that the work in Essex street, bordering on his lots, will be commenced directly & prosecuted with all diligence.

The committee appointed to examine the state of the drain from M^rs. Dix's house to the common sewer, reported that M^rs. Dix had consented to pay the late assessment, provided she should not be at any future charge for the common sewer, leading down Harvard street: the committee had agreed to her proposal and had ordered the entrance of her drain into the Harvard street sewer to be closed--report accepted.

[**152.**] The abutters on the south side of Market square, having subscribed one hundred & fifty dollars towards the expense of new regulating and paving that part of the square south of Faneuil Hall, the committee were empowered to proceed to new pave the same wholly, instead of repairing, as formerly ordered.—

An application was received from a number of the abutters on Lynde street, requesting that it should be dug down and regulated, & gutters paved.—Referred to M^r. Phillips with power to proceed on the work, unless any material objection was made by the other abutters.

On the report of the committee to consider M^r. Hathaway's application for [an] auction license, voted not to grant a license.

Complaint having been made by the Clerk of the market against the conduct of the hand-cart men in Market square; ordered that all the hand-cart men be forbidden to stand in Market Square until further orders.—and that the Clerk of the market be desired to see to the observance of this order.—

[**153.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 28th. 1817—Present the Board—except M^r. Oliver.

6 Jurors were drawn for District Court of United States.—

On a representation from M^rs. Dix, that a very offensive nuisance had been occasioned by the stoppage of her drain from its connection with the common sewer in Harvard street. Voted that M^rs. Dix be informed that the board has no objection to her renewing the connection of her drain with that sewer if she find any ill consequences to follow from cutting it off.

Representation having been made by the Spanish Consul that a vessel belonging to Messrs. Prince & Higgins had landed a number of Spanish sailors, which were put on board said vessel at sea, by the commander of a South American privateer, and requesting that provision should be made for them in their present destitute condition: or that the person who brought them should be obliged to maintain them.—Voted That the Spanish Consul be informed that it is not in the power of the Selectmen to make such provision

as he requests, [**154.**] nor do we find that the captain or owner of any vessel is liable to the charge of maintaining any persons that may be brought from foreign countries: but recommend to him to apply to the Overseers of the Poor for such assistance as may be necessary—to be defrayed on State account.—

A petition from the tenants of the Old State House and from the proprietors of adjoining estates, requesting that the building should be wholly painted—referred to the committee to obtain estimates.

The application of M^r. Stockwell for liberty to extend his wharf, late Barrett's, about ten feet—referred to M^r. Austin.

The Committee of the South district empowered to repair Nassau Street with gravel—in front and near the school house.

M^r. Hunnewell added to the Committee of the Neck, for the purpose of viewing the same & to report what paving is necessary to be done and what measures shall be taken to put the unpaved part in order.

An answer was received from the directors of Lechmere point corporation in which they object to the closing of the part of Bridge street for the use of the hospital—the subject was considered, but no decision had thereon.—

[**155.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septem^r. 2^d. 1817.—Present the Board except M^r. Silsby.—

The Indenture between the Cornhill Corporation and the Selectmen whereby Belknaps Alley from Court street to Brattle square is cancelled and the land conveyed to the Corporation, on condition of their making a new street at least thirty feet wide, direct from Court street to Brattle square—having been examined and corrected by M^r. Thacher—was executed by the Chairman & President of the Cornhill Corporation.—

The Committee appointed to view the Neck reported, that it was necessary to repair some of the pavements, and to spread gravel on the whole of the east side. Voted. that the Committee proceed immediately to make these repairs to [the] amount of one thousand dollars.—

The Committee on Boylston street were desired to continue the paving of that street as far as the westerly side of Carver street.—

An application was received from the officers of the New England Guards and the company of Sea Fencibles—requesting that

the new gun house might [**156.**] be allowed to remain on the common, for the use of those companies.—The Chairman was desired to inform the gentlemen in that neighborhood of this request that they may have opportunity to show cause why the petition should not be granted.

The Committee of the third district was desired to pay particular attention to prevent the steps to the new meeting house in School street from projecting to incommode the foot walk.—

Return was made by Col. Freeman of the proprietors of trucks & carts usually standing east of Faneuil Hall—Voted, that the Clerk of the market be consulted respecting the number that may be allowed to stand there with convenience to the public, and to propose regulations for the trucks, carts & hand carts.—

The Committee of the second district reported that they had viewed the westerly end of Green street, beyond Leverett street for the purpose of widening the same, and were of the opinion that a piece of land about six feet wide on Leverett street, and to run in a direction to make a gore one foot wide on Chambers street would be a sufficient addition—making the street thirty feet wide throughout.—That they could obtain that part of this [**157.**] land belonging to M^{r}. French for seventy five cents p^{r}. foot.—they stated also that M^{r}. French considered that he had a claim for land taken some years since to widen Back street, for which he had not received compensation.— Voted to accept the report of the Committee, to allow M^{r}. French seventy five cents p^{r}. foot for the land to widen Green street, and Fifty dollars in full for the land in Back street.—and that the Committee apply to M^{r}. John Odin respecting the remainder of the land wanted in Green street.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 10th. 1817. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Lovering, Austin, Phillips, Silsby & Dorr.—

Return was made by M^{r}. Samuel Snelling of the expence of repairing the common sewer leading from Back street to Mill pond, the account whereof being duly examined by the Selectmen was by them allowed; they being informed at the same time that all persons concerned in said drain had been notified according to law and that no objection had been made.—Assessment was now made, an order of payment was passed by the Selectmen as follows viz. Whereas a drain or common sewer has been laid in a street leading from Back street to Mill pond—conformably to the [**158.**] directions of the Selectmen the whole expense whereof amounts to seventy dollars, which expense is to be borne by such persons whose drains enter therein and receive benefit thereby—Wherefore We the Subscribers Selectmen of the

Town of Boston certify that having considered the same expense and by whom and in what manner it ought to be paid *Do Adjudge* that the same be paid in the proportion following and by the persons hereafter named—viz.—

Samuel Snelling, Henry Atkins, D & A. Sigourney, Shubael Bell and John Bishop, at $14 each

and We hereby authorize and empower Mr. Samuel Snelling to demand and receive the same and to give discharges therefor.—

signed by the members of the Board present.

Whereas upon the twenty eight day of August last, agreement was made and concluded with the New Cornhill Corporation of the Town of Boston for the discontinuing of the passage way or alley, leading from Court street to Brattle Square, called Belknaps Alley, and for the opening and laying out a new street from said Court street to Brattle Square in lieu thereof, the same being in the opinion of this Board for the convenience and safety of the inhabitants of the Town: [**159.**] It is thereupon-voted that, the said passageway called Belknaps Alley be and the same is hereby discontinued throughout the extent of the same; and that the said Corporation, being proprietors of the estate lying and being on each side of the said alley, be, and they hereby are permitted to appropriate the said alley to their own use, and they and their assigns are to be forever free from any claim or disturbance therefor on the part of the said town of Boston:—it being understood however, that the rights of all and any individuals having any rightful claim to said passage way, if any such there are, are not to be in any wise affected by this vote.

Indentures were approved & signed between Peter Ballard a minor and Abel Whitney of Cambridge, cabinet maker, the said Ballard to serve as an apprentice until April 4th. 1823.

Voted, That Mr. Reuben Ramsdell shall have a lease of the land at the bottom of Poplar street on which the porch to his house now stands.—

On the petition of a number of persons residing in Leverett place & Prospect street, West Boston; the Committee of 2d district was desired to have a gutter paved there as far as they should find expedient.—

[**160.**] A subscription paper being presented of sums subscribed to assist in paving Hamilton street: it was voted, That four hundred dollars should be appropriated to that street, to be paid when the same shall be completed to the satisfaction of the board.—

Mr. Green who has been constable of one division of the watch for several years past having resigned from ill health—the

applications of candidates were considered, and Voted that Mr. William Gardner be appointed constable of one division of the Town watch.—

The Committee appointed on the part of the board to meet and consult with a Committee of the Brattle Street Society, & the proprietor of certain stores on Market street for the purpose of regulating Brattle street, have attended that service and report, that they met the parties on Tuesday the 9th. instant, and now recommend to the board, there being no objection to it on the part of the society, that the street be lowered and paved, on the following conditions: that the expense attending to it be paid, one half by the Town, and the other half by the proprietors of the stores, and that one or more of them bind themselves to this effect; and that the gravel or dirt be sold and accounted for; the proprietors of the stores paying one half the expense of carting. The width of [**161.**] the sidewalk to be regulated by the Selectmen.—

This report was considered and accepted & the Committee desired to proceed on the work.—

A memorial was received against the Gun House on the Common being permitted to remain. The same was read, together with the records of proceedings in 1814—when the consent for the gun house was first given—after consideration voted, that we consider it our duty to refuse the request. And the Chairman is desired to communicate the same to the officers of the companies who make the application.
the letter was as follows.—

Gentlemen,

Upon receiving your application of the 29th. August, requesting, in behalf of the members of the Companies of New England Guards & Sea fencibles, that the Gun house erected in 1814 may remain on the Common for the use of those companies; The Selectmen had recourse to the records of the time when the first application was made, and find that the consent of the board and of the neighbourhood to its erection, was on the express condition that the building should be removed in ninety days after the termination of the war, and free of expense to the Town.—They also find in a [**162.**] letter from George Sullivan Esq. of August 15th. 1814. "that the officers of these corps have no views to the occupancy of the place after the war.—

The Selectmen have also received a memorial from a number of the inhabitants, against the continuance of the building on general principles of preventing encroachment of public ground,

but particularly as it would be directly contrary to the agreement and contract by which consent was first obtained.—

The Selectmen feel every wish to accommodate gentlemen who volunteer their services, and devote their time to attain any branch of exercise or discipline which may be serviceable in time of danger; but in the present instance they consider it their duty to refuse the request made to them by the officers of the N. E. Guards and of the intended company of Sea fencibles, for whom they entertain sentiments of respect & esteem.

By order of the Board.

Chs. Bulfinch, Chairman.

An application was signed to the Judge of Probate, that William N. Lowe, from habits of gaming and intemperance was in danger of wasting his property and becoming chargeable to the Town— and requesting that legal measures might be taken for appointing a guardian for care of his person and property.—

[**163.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen September 17th. 1817—

Present the whole Board.—

A certificate was signed, approving of the Theatre in Federal street, and of the company under Messrs. Powell & Dickson for the exhibition of stage plays and other theatrical performances during the ensuing season.

It was agreed that Mr. Nathl. Brewer have the superintendence of the lamps on the same terms as last year. he to take measures to employ capable lamp lighters and to get the lamps in order immediately.—

Mr. Lovering was desired to procure oil.—

On the application of Mr. Benjamin Dearborn, it was agreed to allow him seven dollars, on the average cost of lighting each lamp through the season, for the supply & lighting of his lamp in Theatre alley—it being necessary for the public service to have a lamp there, and Mr. Dearborn preferring to take charge of it himself.—

Return was made by the Clerk of the market of a statement of the number of trucks and carts that could [**164.**] be allowed to stand at the east end of Faneuil Hall without incumbering the street: It appearing that there was room for ten trucks & ten carts, and that permitting this number would not deprive any person of a privilege which he has enjoyed. It was voted that ten trucks & ten carts be allowed to stand there owned by the following proprietors.—

Bartlett - - - - - - -	2	Trucks	& 1	Cart
Wentworth - - - - -	2	d°.	& 1	D°.
Fuller - - - - - - - -	1	d°.	& 1	D°.
Terrill - - - - - - - -	1	d°.	& 1	d°.
Hartwell - - - - - - -	1	d°.	& 1	d°.
Snow - - - - - - - -	1	d°.	——	
Henry & Leonard - -	1	d°.	& 1	d°.
Leonard - - - - - - -	1	d°.	& 1	d°.
Ingersol - - - - - - -	——		1	d°.
Adams - - - - - - -	——		1	d°.
Stockwell - - - - - -	——		1	d°., and that they be

arranged by the Clerk of the market and police officers and conform to the orders of the board communicated by them.—

The Committees was authorized to proceed on the paving of the street from Butlers row to Parkmans wharf—and Lendals lane from Congress street to Kilby street.—

M^r. Lovering was desired to procure a sufficient number of cartridges to be made for the review early in October. **[165.]** and to call on the Brigade Inspector, for an inspection of the Town's powder, & camp equipage.—

It was agreed in addition to the sum appropriated for paving Hamilton street, to allow one hundred loads of the earth to be dug from Brattle street, to fill the hollows & prepare for paving.

The Committee of the first district was empowered to procure two hundred loads coarse gravel to be spread on Pond street.—

M^r. Phillips was requested to pay to the Town Treasurer the money deposited in his hands, being the balance received from M^r. John Odin for land on Dock square, and rents received from the small house near the Green Dragon Tavern.—

Complaint having been made by Nehemiah Freeman Esq. against David Fullam for improper and threatening behaviour to the assistant police officer, Voted that M^r. Fullam be informed that he will be deprived of his licenses for hacks N°. 14. 36. 37. from Friday morning next, until further order of the Board.

A letter was received from M^rs. Howard remonstrating against paying the expense on her estate in Lynde street—occasioned by digging away the street—The Committee was desired to have the side walk laid, & report what further expense was necessary.

[166.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen September 24th. 1817.—

Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Lovering, Austin, Phillips, Dorr, Bass & Silsby.

4 Grand & 4 Petit Jurors were drawn for Circuit Court of United States—also 34 jurors for Boston Court of Common Pleas.

Voted, that agreeably to the vote of the Town, the meat stalls west of Faneuil Hall be advertised to be leased at auction for one year, on Thursday 9th. October next—and that the market Committee be desired to consider and report at the next meeting the terms & conditions of lease.—

Mr. French having applied to have his claim for land formerly taken into Back street further considered, Mr. Hunnewell was added to Committee of first district: they were desired to view the place in company with Mr. French and report their opinion to the Board.

Mr. Curtis of South Boston having applied in behalf of the persons residing there, to have certain repairs made on their streets. Mr. Lovering & Mr. Bass were desired to view those streets in company with Mr. Curtis, and take such measures for their repair as they should judge proper.

[**167.**] Voted, That the Town Clerk procure a trunk or tin box to contain all original deeds & important papers belonging to the Town, and that such papers be placed therein and deposited in the vault of one of the banks.—

Voted, That Messrs. Oliver, Hunnewell & Silsby be a Committee to consider what order shall be taken for the deposit and appropriation of monies received for licenses—and of fines received by the officers of police.—

Mr. Phillips produced a receipt from the Town Treasurer acknowledging to have received from him the sum of one thousand dollars, being the balance paid by John Odin for land on Dock Square—&—144—dollars for rent of the house near Green Dragon tavern to 1st Sepr last.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 1st. 1817. —Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Lovering, Austin, Phillips, Bass, Dorr & Silsby.—

Application was signed to [the] Judge of Probate, stating that Robert Wright, by excessive drinking and idleness, is spending and lessening his estate, and exposing himself to become a charge upon the town: therefore requesting that measures may [**168.**] be taken for appointing a guardian over his person and property.—

M^r. Edward Tuckerman, Junr. having represented that the increased number of tenements in that part of Cornhill, between the arch bordering on N°. 1 Market street & Dock square would occasion an irregularity & confusion of numbers to the several shops & stores in Cornhill, besides an expense to make the alterations that will become necessary;—therefore voted—That the buildings extending from the Arch leading to Brattle street to Dock square easterly—be hereafter called Market row.

The Market Committee reported the following terms & conditions of lease for the stalls west of Faneuil Hall, which were considered and accepted.—

The Market Committee to whom was assigned the duty to consider and report the terms & conditions of lease of the stalls in the Market west of Faneuil Hall, at public auction agreeably to a vote of the town. Report—

That they find on inquiry of the Clerk of the market that there is now 35 stalls let, which produce 52 dollars per annum each, amounting to 1820 dollars. that a portion of the stalls are double & might be divided into two, by which the number [**169.**] would be increased to 56.—they therefore recommend that alteration & propose that the stalls be numbered from 1 to 56 inclusive, that the rent be fixed as follows 16 at one dollar per week & 40 at 75 Cents per week they will then produce 2392 dollars making a difference in favour of the town of 572—dollars p^r. annum.—

Your Committee propose that they be exposed for lease for one year on the following conditions, viz.—

That they be put up at the appraisement and the bidder will bid for the choice which is to be added to the weekly price already fixed. That the rent be paid to the Clerk of the Market weekly.

That if the lessee, or any person acting for or under him, her or them, shall be convicted before a Justice of the peace of forestalling, or selling by false weights or measures, he, she or they shall forfeit their lease: and if he, she or they shall be in arrears for rent more than two weeks, the Clerk of the market shall have the right of leasing the stall to some other person.—

That the stalls shall be under the inspection of the Clerk of the Market and if the lessees shall refuse or neglect to keep them clean they shall forfeit their lease. And if the lessee or any person acting for or under him, her or them, shall use any abusive language to or threaten the Clerk of the market [**170.**] while in the discharge of his duty, the board of Selectmen on

receiving satisfactory proof of the same, shall have the right to deprive them of their lease.

The lessees of stalls N°. 1 & 56 are to have the charge and care of the small scales and weights as hertofore.

All necessary & reasonable repairs of the stalls be done at the expense of the town.

Application was received from the abutters on Carver street, requesting that it might be paved. Voted that the gentlemen be informed that so much work is already done or contracted for that it will not be in the power of the board to comply with their request the present season.—

Passed the Monthly accounts.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 8th. 1817. —Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Hunnewell, Austin, Phillips & Dorr.

On the application of the abutters on Walnut street, Voted that the gutter be continued on the north side of said street to Beacon street & that gravel be spread on the middle of the street, to make it convenient for use.—

Liberty is granted to Mr. —— to dig a well in front of his house in Portland street, at his expense, & to place a pump therein subject to the orders of this board :—

[**171.**] The following regulations were adopted for the hand carts to stand in Market square

That ten hand cart men with their carts be allowed to stand at one time in Market square, east of the new fish market, and if there are any more than that number, that they be allowed the use of that stand in rotation weekly.—

That the regulation of that stand shall be under the orders of the Clerk of the market, that no person shall stand there without permission first obtained of him; and that the occupiers of such stand shall never exact or require of any person any fee, or gratification for liberty of standing there.—

That no person who has formerly occupied that stand, be allowed to return there, until he has paid to the Clerk of the market his proportion of the damage done to Mr. Lawrence in the loss of his cart.

That any person who shall not conform to these regulations or any other that may be adopted by the board and directed to be carried into effect by the Clerk of the market, shall be immediately deprived of his stand.

The Committee who had under consideration, the numbering of the shops in Marlborough street, report that they are of opinion that most of the occupiers of [172.] shops would object to an alteration, having their numbers, in a great degree in perfect order—therefore propose that the range of buildings lately erected by Mr. Greenough on land leased by him from the directors of the General hospital—be called *Province house row*, and numbered from 1 to 5 accordingly.—the same was accepted.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 16th. 1817 —Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Lovering, Austin, Bass & Silsby.

Report was made of the proceedings of the Committee in leasing the stalls west of Faneuil hall, from which it appeared, that the sum agreed to be paid by purchasers, for right of choice amounted to $4846 ;$\frac{40}{100}$ & the entire proceeds for the year would be $7241.40.

The Market Committee was desired to consider & report what measures should be taken respecting the stalls inside of the building and the cellars.—

Proposals were made by Mr. Francis Southack to widen the westerly end of Southacks Court, if the Town would purchase the land lying between the house belonging to his family & the present line of the street.—Mr. Oliver, Mess Hunnewell & Bass were desired to view the street & report.

Mr. Greenough appeared in behalf [173.] of the new Cornhill Corporation, to state the upper half of Market street would be ready for paving in a few days—it was agreed that the committee should employ workmen to proceed immediately to complete it.

Capt. Thomas Wallace having been well recommended, was appointed a constable for the same term as those already chosen.—

The proposal of Mr. John Spence, book binder, for a loan from the Franklin fund, was approved, sureties Benja. Hurd & Daniel Kidder.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 22d. 1817 Present the Board except Mr. Phillips.

Mr. Tukesbury from Deer Island appeared to receive directions respecting work to be done on the island; it was agreed he should proceed to build a sea wall with such stones as he could take from the beach—on the south easterly point of the Island.—

The Committee on the appropriation of money received for licenses & fines—reported as follows; which was accepted.—

Voted, That all the money received belonging to the Town of Boston, that [**174.**] has arisen from fines, licenses or any other source, now in the hands of the Selectmen or either of them, or in the hands of the Town Clerk, and all sum or sums of money that may hereafter come into the hands of said Selectmen & Town Clerk or either of them, shall be immediately paid over to the Town Treasurer.

Voted, That the Police officer shall pay over to the Town Treasurer all the money that he may now have or that may hereafter come into his hands, belonging to the Town of Boston, arising from licenses, fines or any other source: and that said Police officer shall be ordered to make quarterly returns to this Board of all sum or sums of money received by him for fines foreitures and licenses, and of his proceedings.—

Voted, That no fine or fines, shall be remitted by any person or persons, without the assent of a majority of this Board.—

Capt. Gibbens made a statement to the Board of a deficiency in the quantity of powder delivered for the use of his company at the late review and also last year—after considerable conversation on the subject—it was agreed that M^{r}. Lovering should direct M^{r}. Jennings to furnish the quantity wanted.

The abutters on Boylston street having been notified to pave the side walks in front of their property—a statement was made that [**175.**] three of the abutters were unable to go to the expense required, this fact being well ascertained, M^{r}. Lovering was desired to have the same completed at the expense of the town.—

A claim having been made by Deacon Morrill, agent to the heirs of John Pitts, to a portion of the land which workmen are proceeding to pave at the bottom of Butlers row, as a public street: the Chairman was added to the Committee of that section in the absence of M^{r}. Phillips, to look into the title and act as the Committee should find expedient.—

A communication was received from P. O. Thacher Esq. stating that the new law to regulate streets, required a distinct book of records for all proceedings on streets and suggesting measures proper in his opinion to be adopted.—Voted, That Messrs. Oliver Hunnewell & Dorr be a Committee to consider the subject of this communication and report.—Voted that the same Committee consider & report what measures they would recommend relative to

printing a new edition of *by* laws, and state laws regulating the Town of Boston.

M^r^. Nathan Jones applied for a license as auctioneer, his request was not granted.—

A Communication from the Superintendent of lamps was handed to M^r^. Lovering & M^r^. Austin to consider & report.—

[**176.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 29th. 1817.—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Lovering, Austin, Dorr & Bass.—

Passed the Monthly Accounts.

Return was made by M^r^. Hunnewell that he had examined the accounts of the hay weigher for the quarter ending October 1st. the whole amount of the proceeds were $294.90 and the balance due to the Town was $93.55. Report accepted.—

The Committee to which was referred M^r^. Southack's proposal to widen the westerly end of Southacks Court, reported, that they had viewed the place, but recommend that information be obtained of the probable expense of the improvement, to enable them to decide on its expediency.—The Chairman was desired to enquire of M^r^. Southack what he would expect for his land.—

An application was made by M^r^. Treadwell for liberty to use a brick stove or oven on a new construction in a building on Parkmans wharf. Messrs. Hunnewell, Lovering, & Austin were appointed a Committee to view the place & report.—which they did as follows.

The Committee appointed to view the building on Parkmans wharf, on the application that the [**177.**] same may be occupied as a bakery, have examined the same and are of the opinion that it is an improper place for such a building, and that the oven now erected would be unsafe to that and the neighbourhood—therefore report, that M^r^. Treadwells request cannot be granted.—

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to consider the claim of Deacon Morrill—to a piece of land which the workmen are now paving in the cross passage east of Butlers row, reported, That Deacon Morrill as agent of the heirs of John Pitts claims a small piece of land, from having long occupied or covered the same with barrels, hoop poles &c. The Committee consider that this occupation of the ground while it was in an obscure situation and not wanted for public use, would give no title to said heirs, and that the paving the passage would be of great benefit to their estate—they have therefore given orders to the workmen to pro-

ceed—but at the request of Thomas Welsh Esq. Attorney of the heirs of Pitts have agreed to insert on the record, that on the twenty fourth instant he made his claim and objected to the workmen's proceeding—that the heirs might be considered to retain the right of proving their title in future.—

[**178.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen, November 6th. 1817—Present Messrs Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Lovering, Austin, Dorr & Silsby.

A Precept was received from the Governour & Council directing a Meeting of the inhabitants to be called on the 17th. instant for choice of a member of Congress in place of Hon. James Lloyd Esq. resigned.—

Warrant was accordingly signed for Town meeting.
Mr. Buckingham to print notifications.

The Chairman was appointed to wait on Rev. Mr. Dwight to request him to open the meeting with prayer.—

Messrs. Hunnewell & Lovering were added to the market Committee to consider the rents of the cellars & inside stalls.—

The Chairman reported that Mr. Southack had proposed to add the strip of land lying between his house on Southack's Court & the street, and extending the whole front of the lot for two hundred dollars; he to be at the expense of taking down and rebuilding his fences and laying the side walk.—the report was accepted, & agreed to pay that sum when completed to the satisfaction of the board.—

An application was received from the proprietors & occupants of Central Wharf, requesting that a suitable number of lamps [**179.**] might be affixed to the stores & lighted at the expense of the Town.—The same was considered & Voted, that the gentlemen be informed that the board think it proper to conduct with respect to that wharf on the same principle as they ever have with the Long wharf & other wharves, which have always been lighted by the proprietors: and therefore the request cannot be granted.—

Mr. Felt having lately built a bow window to a shop occupied by him in State street, and the same having been complained of to the Police officer as exceeding the projection allowed by law:—now applies for liberty to suffer it to continue.—Voted that it is not in the power of the board to grant such indulgence after complaint entered of a breach of the regulations of a state law.—

Mr. Hunnewell informed, that he had received a letter from the person who had agreed to furnish flag stones for the square

market, and was informed by him that the stone could not be supplied till spring. Agreed that the Clerk of the market should have some plank laid down where necessary during winter.—

M^r. Treadwell renewed his application that the board would approve of a place for building a bakers oven of a new construction at a house in Ship street. Messrs. Austin & Silsby were appointed a committee to view any situation that may be pointed out for this purpose, & to approve of such an one as they may think suitable.—

[180.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen November 12th. 1817—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Lovering, Austin, Bass & Dorr.—

Grand Jurors and Traverse Jurors were drawn for the Supreme Judicial Court.—

Application having been made for liberty to open the common sewer in Charter street to cleanse and repair the same, the Committee of that district was requested to examine into the circumstances of that neighbourhood.—that this work should not be undertaken at this advanced season unless found to be absolutely necessary.

M^r. Greenough having informed the Chairman that the position of his new store on Court street and the opening of the new street to Brattle square would require an alteration of the pavement of Court street & digging down said street, which he was willing to do at his expense,—M^r. Hunnewell, M^r. Lovering & M^r. Dorr, were desired to view the street & direct the manner in which the alteration should be made if found to be necessary.—

It having been represented that M^r. Benjamin Gray is about to remove a wooden building to a lot of land bounding on North Allen street, and that said building would project several feet forward of the other buildings **[181.]** in that street. The Chairman was desired to view the place & to forbid any building projecting forward of the general line of the other buildings.—

M^r. Dorr added to the Committee on lamps, to regulate those in Pearl street.

Application having been made some time since by the officers of the company of Sea Fencibles, for liberty to place their gun house over the water near the westerly end of the rope walks, and also praying for a grant to assist them in defraying the expense of removing & repairing the same—the subject having been frequently conversed upon—it was now determined, that the board would approve of the position of the gun house, and

voted to allow four hundred dollars towards the expense; the Town to have the right of occupying or using the same in the proportion of the amount granted.—

The Committee chosen to consider the expediency of printing a new edition of the bye laws of the Town and of such State laws as particularly affect the Town of Boston—also the proposal of Peter O. Thacher Esq. usually employed as attorney for the Town, that all the proceedings relative to streets, either in the Town meeting books or in the books of the Selectmen, should be collected and copied into one volume—reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them and had found that the bye laws could be printed free of expense to the town, except [**182.**] for such number of copies as the board might think proper to procure.—and that the record of streets was required by a late law of the Commonwealth, and would be of great use & convenience.—The Committee therefore reported that the Chairman be employed in preparing a copy of the laws for the press and revising the same and in forming a complete record of the proceedings on streets, with such indexes of the records as are wanting;— for which services he shall be allowed the sum of two hundred & fifty dollars—The Chairman having retired, the above report was considered & accepted unanimously.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen November 19th. 1817. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Lovering, Austin, Phillips, Bass, Dorr & Silsby.—

Jurors were drawn for District Court of the United States.—

On the recommendation of the Sheriff of the County of Suffolk & the Justices of the Court of Sessions.—Mr. Martin Smith was appointed a constable for the particular purpose of attending on the courts—and having charge of the Court House.—

The Committee of the first district reported that the circumstances attending the common sewer in Charter street did not render it necessary to open the same this season [**183.**] and they had agreed with the proprietors to postpone it.—

The application of the Trustees of the General hospital was read and considered, in which they request for the benefit of that institution that the portion of Bridge street which crosses the land lately purchased by them should be discontinued.—Voted that the Chairman inform the Committee that the board will consent that the Trustees shall enclose that portion of the street upon their agreeing to pay seven hundred dollars to the Lechmere point corporation, which sum was advanced by them for opening said street.—

The Committee on Court street requested that the whole board would view that street to determine on Mr. Greenough's proposal to alter the pavement. agreed to meet there tomorrow noon.

Messrs. Hall & Weld requesting that some repairs should be made to the pavement of Elm street abutting on their new stores, the Committee of that district was desired to take measures to make such repairs as they should think proper on examining the same

The Trustees of the General hospital having agreed to the conditions proposed for closing part of Bridge street, the same is recorded as follows. Whereas the Trustees of [**184.**] the General hospital have agreed to pay to the Town Treasurer the sum of seven hundred dollars, to reimburse the expenses formerly paid by subscription for making Bridge street, it is thereupon Voted, that so much of Bridge street as extends from the Southerly line of land purchased by said Trustees, from the heirs of Prince, passing through said land unto North Allen street be, and the same is hereby discontinued throughout the extent of the same, and that the said Trustees being proprietors of the land lying and being on each side of said street above described be, and they hereby are permitted to appropriate such portion of said street to their own use, in their corporate capacity, and they and their assigns are to be forever free from any claim or disturbance therefor on the part of the Town of Boston.—

The above proceedings were in consequence of the following communication, which is ordered to be entered upon the records.—

To the Selectmen of the Town of Boston

Boston Octr. 29. 1817

Gentlemen

The Massachusetts General Hospital have lately purchased a piece of land for the purpose of erecting a building to carry into effect the object of their institution; they have been informed that the town have opened a street over said land which has been called "Bridge street"; the Trustees think this street will be very inconvenient to remain open, they [**185.**] have appointed as a Committee to request your board would discontinue said street: The Trustees have stipulated with the heirs of Mr. J. Prince that a street at least forty feet wide shall be opened on the east side of the land purchased by them which will be in a straight line with Blossom street and probably as convenient as the street now used.—

It is the intention of the Trustees to commence the building early in the Spring, of course [it] will be necessary to prepare

immediately, they must therefore request your attention to the subject as soon as convenient.

we are very respectfully

Your Obedient Serv.

TRISTRAM BARNARD
EBEN. FRANCIS.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen November 26th. 1817—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Lovering, Austin, Bass, Dorr & Silsby.

Passed the monthly & quarterly accounts.

6 Grand Jurors were drawn for Supreme Judicial Court.

The Board having viewed Court street in that part where Mr. Greenough proposes to [**186.**] have the street dug down for the accommodation of his new buildings and to improve the entrance into the new street leading to Brattle square—the subject was now considered and it appeared to be the opinion of the board that the street could not be dug as low as is proposed without great injury to the proprietors of houses & shops on the opposite side.—And that Mr. Greenough be advised not to finish his shops with the floors on the present level, with expectation of the street being made to conform to them.

Mr. Walter Morse applied for liberty to carry on a distillery of spirits of turpentine at a building on land adjoining Mill pond street.—the same was considered, but being of opinion that it would be offensive to the neighbourhood, Voted that it could not be allowed.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen December 3d 1817—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Lovering, Austin, Dorr, Phillips & Silsby.

John E. Scarlet, a coloured man, was approved as a chimney sweeper.—

Mr. Lovering & Mr. Silsby a Committee to determine what number of lamps should be put up in Market street, whether of the common kind, or those on a new construction proposed by Capt. Winslow Lewis.

[**187.**] Papers were offered by the Chairman for consideration, on the subject of laying out and recording Blossom street as a public highway; the same were read & considered, the decision was postponed until it could be ascertained whether the consent of the abutters could be obtained.

The following is a list of deeds & other papers of importance deposited in a trunk in the vault of the Mass^{ts}. Bank by order of the board.—

N°. 1.—A bundle of papers relating to Leveretts claim on land at the Alms house, &c. &c.—

N°. 2.—A bundle of Papers relating to Thomas Boylstons Estate.

N°. 3.———A Mortgage Deed from Ward Nicholas Boylston to Inhabitants of Boston for twenty thousand dollars. *and a bond conditioned* to pay the same sum.—

N°. 4. Papers relating to New Cornhill Corporation.—

N°. 5. A Deed from Thomas Dennie of land bounding on Middlecot street.—

6. Agreement with Thomas Dennie as to land near Beacon Hill.—

7. Deed of land from E. Oliver situated on Mason street.—

8. Agreement between Justices of Sessions Selectmen & Jn°. Lowell, respecting land for Court House.

[**188.**] N°. 9. Award to Hancock for land taken for Sumner street.—1803.

10.—Deed from Otis & others of land near Battery March street.—1808.

11.—Deed from E. Marsh, privilege of common sewer Pleasant street.—1803.

12.—Award respecting water course in Water street, with W^{m}. Phillips, Esq.—1804.

13. Indenture Josiah Knapp & Town of Boston—1804.

14.—Agreement with Josiah Knapp respecting Kneeland street—1805.—

15.—Deed from David Hinckley of land to widen entrance of Somerset street.

16.—Deed from Harris of land in Milk street.—March 1808.—

17. Jonathan Harris' obligation respecting drain in Water street—1808.—

18.—Proceedings of the Front Street Corporation.—1809.—

19.—Deed from R. G. Shaw of land on Fish street. 1810.

20.—Benjamin Weld's Deed of land for North Burying Ground.—1810.—

21—Deed from Dawes for part of Purchase street—1809.—

22—Bond of indemnity from proprietors of Exchange Coffee house, And James Harrisons discharge for land taken for a passageway on the North side of the Exchange Building. 1810.

[**189.**] N°. 23.—Deed from D^r. Freeman, Clarke &c of land for new Court House.—1814.—

N°. 24. Deed from Charles Apthorp & others for land in School street.—1748—

25.—Deed from Cabot and others, exchanging land on the Neck.—1810.—

26. Deeds from Beatley & Fracker of land for Methodist Alley.—1800.—

27.—Deed from Patrick Jeffrey of land from Southack's court to Beacon street.

28.—Deed from Isaac Rand the third of land taken to widen Hanover street.

29.—Deed from James Green of land near Green Dragon Tavern—Union street—1813.—

30. Deed from James Green as guardian to R. D. Green a minor—of land in the same street.—

31. Deed of water course of Smith & Hiler.—1801—

32. Sohier's papers, relating to Temple & Derne streets.—

33. Treasurer & Collectors bonds—

34. Deed from Charles Bulfinch Esq. of land for Charles street.—

35. Indenture of James Williams.

36. Hayweighers bond—

37. Deeds from T. Lyman, T. Hubbard & Russell Sturgis.

38. Lease of Town house to Rand.

39. Deeds of Old State House.—

40. Indentures of Thos. L. Rayner

41. Book; Mortgages & papers relating to Mrs. Brooker & others donation.

42. Deed from Mill Pond Corporation.

43. Deed from Paschel P. Pope

44. Mortgage from Jacob Tidd Jur.

45. Indentures Bernard Alexander to Lawrence Nichols, cancelled

46. Nathl. Meriams Bond.

47. A. Goulds Receipt for a bell for So. Boston. St. Matthews Chapel.

[190.] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen December 10th. 1817—Present the Whole Board.

Return was made by Mr. Joseph Hall Junr. of the expense of opening and repairing a drain in Chestnut street—the account whereof being duly examined by the Selectmen was by them allowed; they being informed at the same time that all persons concerned in said drain had been notified according to law and that no objection had been made.—Assessment was now made, an order of payment was passed by the Selectmen as follows, viz. Whereas a drain or common sewer has been laid in Chestnut street conformably to the directions of the Selectmen, the whole expense whereof amounts to one hundred & sixty nine dollars—which expense is to be borne by such persons whose drains enter therein and receive benefit thereby.—Wherefore, we the subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Boston certify that having considered the same expense and by whom and in what manner it ought to be paid *Do Adjudge* that the same be paid in the proportion following and by the persons hereafter named —viz.

Rich[d]. C. Derby, Eben[r] Francis, each, $28.16; M[rs]. —— Sargent, W[m]. Sullivan, M[rs]. —— Howard, Sam[l]. Snelling, [**191.**] John Tucker, Rich[d]. Sullivan, John Richards, Peter O. Thacher, each, $14.8.

And We do hereby authorize & empower M[r]. Joseph Hall Ju[r]. to demand & receive the same and to give discharges therefor.

Signed by a majority of the Board.—

The Market Committee directed by the Board to take into consideration the present rents of the stalls in the Market house & the cellars under the same & also the rent of the fish stalls, and report whether in their opinion it would be expedient to raise the rents, have attended that service and recommend, that from and after the thirty first day of March next, the rents be raised as follows.—

Stalls N°.	1. 4. & 5.	from	$39	to $52—	a quarter
"	2. 3 & 6	"	29.25	to 39	"
"	7	"	37. 5	" 50	"
"	8	"	31.20	" 41	"
"	9	"	39.—	" 49	"
"	17. 18.	for two	37.25	" 48	"
"	19—	from	29.25	" 37	"
"	10. 11. 16	"	29.25	" 37	"
"	12. 15.	"	24.14	" 30	"
"	13. 14	"	14.69	" 18	"

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Cellar N°.	1.	from	$28.12	to	$37.50
"	2	"	32.81	"	35.
"	3	"	30.—	"	35.
"	4	"	37.50	"	40.
"	5	"	37.50	"	40.
"	6	"	28.12	"	35.
"	7	"	30.—	"	35—
"	8	"	34.69	"	37.50

Fish stalls—outside 1.25 a week
" inside .75 "

making an increase of $778.40 a year, which is submitted for the consideration of the Board.

TURNER PHILLIPS Chairman.

The report being read & considered, Voted to accept the same —and that the present occupants be informed of the rents now determined on; and that the board expect an answer from each of them in thirty days whether they agree to take the stalls & cellars at those rents & execute leases therefor.—

Voted, That all those persons who have not yet signed their leases for stalls, west of the market house, be notified to complete their leases—or to give up the occupation of the stalls, and that the Clerk of the market be directed not to suffer any person to use a stall who shall refuse to sign his lease.—

Major Samuel Curtis, being well recommended, is appointed measurer of wood coming from the country, over the Neck. (—sworn.)

[**193.**] To the Honourable Selectmen of the Town of Boston —Respectfully shows William Callender of said town, that in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred, he with Reverend Simeon Howard, M. M. Hays, G. Alexander Ju^{r}, Melzar Joy, and James Robbins, who are since deceased, did at their own charge and expense and with the consent and under the direction of the Selectmen of said town, make and lay a common shore or main drain in Middle street so called in said town for the benefit of themselves and others, who should think fit to join therein—that afterwards, to wit, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & six one Anthony Otheman owning an estate near the same did enter a drain into the same and did receive benefit therefrom—thereby making himself liable according to law to pay to the owners of said common shore or main drain a proportionable part of the charge of making the same—that said Otheman hath never paid his proportion of the making of said drain, though repeatedly requested to pay the same—Wherefore said Callender prays your honourable Board after giving notice to said Otheman to ascertain and determine what sum said Otheman shall be held to pay as his proportionable part of the charge & expense of making the same—and to certify the same according to law.—
Decr. 10 1817.—

Voted that the aforesaid petition be referred [**194.**] to Wednesday next at 4 O'clk P.M. for hearing & that in the mean time the said A. Otheman be notified—that he may show cause if any he have, why the prayer of said petition should not be granted.—

The Chairman presented the following votes repecting Blossom street—which were ordered to be recorded.—

Boston December 5th. 1817—
Whereas the heirs of the late Capt. Job Prince, in their deed of land to the Trustees of the General Hospital have consented that a street, forty feet wide, should be laid out along the easterly line of said land; I hereby consent in behalf of the said heirs, that the Selectmen of the Town of Boston shall lay out and record such street as a public street or highway, as is mentioned in the said deed of said heirs to the Massachusetts General Hospital.—
J. S. Colburn Agent.

At a Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Massachusetts General Hospital Decem^{r}. 7th. 1817.—

Voted,

Whereas by the deed from the heirs of Job Prince deceased, & others, to the Massachusetts General Hospital, the land therein granted to said hospital is bounded easterly on a street forty feet wide, which on the part of the **[195.]** grantors it is agreed shall be and remain forever open, the same being a continuation of Blossom street; and, whereas the Selectmen of the Town of Boston have intimated, that it would be agreeable, that the Trustees of the General Hospital should agree, on their part, that the said street, so covenanted to be laid open, shall forever remain in that state; Therefore, for the accommodation of the public, and in compliance with the said intimation, The Trustees of said Mass. Genl. Hospital do agree in behalf of said Corporation, that the said street, so far as the same extends upon their easterly line, shall remain open forever, as far as they have any power, or authority, or interest therein; and without any opposition on their part, or the part of their successors.—

A true copy of record,
Attest H. CODMAN Sec^{y}.

The above relinquishment being satisfactory to the board, The said Blossom street was ordered to be laid out and recorded as follows.—

Whereas in the communication from the Trustees of the General Hospital of the 29th. Octr. last, the Committee of said Trustees inform the board "that they have stipulated with the heirs of M^{r}. J. Prince, that a street at least forty feet wide shall be opened on the east side of the land purchased by them, which will be in a straight line with Blossom street."—**[196.]** And, Whereas a deed dated September 27. 1817 was signed by Eliz Prince, Benjamin C. Prince, J. S. Colburn, Sarah Dunn Colburn & Samuel Spear, all of Boston and Andrew Henshaw Prince in the Island of Cuba, by which deed they convey to the Trustees of the General hospital, a certain piece of land at West Boston, bounded north on North Allen street & easterly beginning at a stone post on the southerly side of North Allen street, at the distance of five hundred & fifty five feet from the corner of Wiltshire street, where it touches the south side of said North Allen street, and from said stone post in the south side of said North Allen street it measures three hundred & thirty three feet six inches on a straight line, running nearly south from said stone post, until it comes to a post marked M G H. at the corner of a wooden fence. It being understood that this line bounds in its whole length on a forty feet street, to be laid out, which is forever to remain open and unincumbered, for the use of said hospital & the public, so far as any of the grantors in this deed have any claim or title to the

land included within the said forty feet. And, whereas it appears on the records of the proceedings of the Selectmen of the 19th. November last, that to promote as fully as in their power, the wishes and intentions of the Trustees of the General hospital, the board then voted to discontinue such part of Bridge street as passed through the land purchased for an hospital; *now be it known*, that the Selectmen, being of opinion that it is necessary for the convenience of [**197.**] the inhabitants to have a street to lead from Cambridge street to North Allen street, do hereby in conformity with the powers vested in them by law, lay out and record the street described in the deed to the Trustees of the General Hospital and referred to in their communication of the 29th. October as a public street or highway, to begin at the stone post above described standing on North Allen street and extending southerly to Cambridge street, being forty feet wide in its whole extent, and to be called and known by the name of *Blossom Street*.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of Selectmen December 17th. 1817—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Lovering, Austin, Phillips, Bass & Dorr.—

Jurors were drawn for the Supreme Judicial Court. Also for the Court of Common Pleas.—

John Heard Esq. appeared as attorney to Mr. Otheman, agreeably to summons of last meeting.—and stated that a suit was now pending between Mr. Callender & Mr. Otheman in the Court of Common Pleas—on the demand for entering the common sewer in Middle street: the parties being both present, enquiry was made into the circumstances—and after they had retired, it was voted: That it was the opinion of the board, that the demand of [**198.**] Mr. Callender against Mr. Otheman being now under a course of suit in the regular courts of law—the Selectmen had no further cognizance of the subject.—

Mr. Hayward was present at the request of the board, and made a statement of the duties that devolved on him as Tythingman, for which he requests a special allowance—He proposed that the board should allow two dollars per week for his services on the Sabbath & that he should retain the moiety of the fines which by law are payable to the complainant for breach of Sabbath and license laws—except such portion thereof as he should find necessary to pay to the actual complainant. The subject was considered, but a decision was referred to the next meeting.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen December 22d. 1817—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Lovering, Austin, Phillips, Bass, Dorr & Silsby.—

The Chairman informed that he had accompanied the sheriff in taking possession of the land recovered from the heirs of Hancock—north of Beacon hill—Sheriff Baldwin will give a copy of the execution.—

The Board of Health having signified to the Selectmen the necessity of a new burying ground, it was Voted, That Peter O. Thacher Esq. and Benj^{a}. Whitman Esq. be desired to pursue the course pointed out in the act annexing part of Dorchester to the Town of Boston for the purpose of [**199.**] having a suitable burying ground located at South Boston.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen December 24th. 1817—Present Messrs. Oliver, Hunnewell, Lovering, Austin, Phillips, Bass, Dorr & Silsby.—

Charles Bulfinch Esq. having resigned the office of Chairman of the Selectmen—The Board assigned Wednesday next, for the choice of a chairman.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen December 31st. 1817—Present Messrs. Oliver, Hunnewell, Lovering, Austin, Phillips, Bass, Dorr & Silsby.—

Passed the monthly accounts.—

Agreeably to the assignment made at the last meeting, The Board proceeded to the choice of a Chairman.—

M^{r}. Dorr was appointed a Committee to collect, count & sort the votes.—

The votes being collected, it appeared that Turner Phillips Esq. had a majority & was declared to be chosen.

[**200.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 7th. 1818—Present Messrs. Oliver, Lovering, Austin, Phillips, Dorr & Silsby.—

27 Jurors were drawn to serve at the Supreme Judicial Court.—

Turner Phillips Esq. declared his acceptance of the office of Chairman of the Selectmen, and took his seat accordingly.—

The Chairman informed the Board that P. O. Thacher Esq. had called on him for evidence that a demand had been made on the South Boston Corporation for land for a burial ground, that he had given him a copy of a letter from C. Bulfinch Esq. the late Chairman to Joseph Woodward Esq. in which the demand was made; on the back of which it was stated that Samuel D.

Parker Esq. Clerk of the Corporation had been notified—This Mr. Thacher thought would be sufficient.—

Mr. Morse has leave to erect a building for the manufacture of spirits of turpentine on J. C. Jones Esqr's land—during the pleasure of the Board.

The Town Clerk presented two receipts signed by the Town Treasurer, one, for one hundred & twenty two dollars, money collected by him for auction licenses; & the other for seventy dollars, collected by the late Chairman for license on hacks.

[**201.**] Mr. Phillips (as Treasurer of Mr. Brooker & others donations) produced his account which was accepted and the proceeds divided among the members of the Board, to be distributed by them among sick & destitute widows.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 10th. 1818 —Present Messrs. Phillips, Lovering, Austin, Bass & Dorr.—

A special meeting of the Board was called in consequence of a formal complaint made to the police officer by James Prince Esq. of the existence of a nuisance dangerous to the public safety, in Court street, in front of the buildings lately erected by Mr. Greenough.—The Chairman having read the complaint the subject was duly considered by the Board, who thought it expedient for them to view the evil complained of; while the Board were performing this duty Mr. Greenough came on the ground, the Chairman then informed him of the complaint that was made and that the Board expected he would immediately erect such a barricade as would prevent any evil consequence from ensuing—This he very readily promised to do.—

6 Jurors were drawn for the District Court of the United States.—

[**202.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 14th. 1818—Present Messrs. Phillips, Oliver, Lovering, Austin, Bass, Dorr & Silsby.

9 Jurors were drawn to serve at the Supreme Judicial Court.—

Mr. Caleb Hayward having applied for a compensation for his services as Tythingman, the Board took the subject into consideration and voted, that in consideration of Mr. Hayward having discharged the duty of Tythingman in an able and efficient manner there be allowed him as a full compensation for his services in that department two dollars a week from the time of his appointment 'till the further order of the Board.—

Mr. Jacob Tidd Junr. applied to the Board to purchase a piece of land bounded on Ivers & Portland streets being one of the lots

set off to the town by the Mill Pond corporation.—The Chairman informed Mr. Tidd the Board could not dispose of the land without being authorized so to do by the town, that they would take the sense of the town on the subject by inserting it in the warrant for the March or May meeting, advising that the land should be sold to him at a price and on the terms that may be agreed upon by him & the Selectmen or any other persons the town shall think proper [**203.**] to appoint for that purpose. in the mean time they would lease the land to him, for the time and on the terms and conditions heretofore offered viz. for five years at eighty four dollars a year, he to fill up the land and to put a good and sufficient fence round the same, the whole of which to be done to the satisfaction of the board of Selectmen; in consideration of his being at the expense of filling up and fencing the land the Board agree to allow him the rent of it for two years.—And the Board further agree if the land should not be sold to him on or before the expiration of the lease, that he shall be permitted to remove any building or buildings he may have erected on the same, the land then to be properly filled up and the fencing round the same in good order.—On which terms & conditions Mr. Tidd agreed to take a lease of it.—

In conformity to a Resolve of the legislature of the 12th. June last— A return was made to the Secretary of the Commonwealth of deaf & dumb persons residing within the Town of Boston—together with such remarks on their circumstances, and that of their near relatives in point of property as had come to the knowledge of the Board.—

[**204.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 19th. 1818—Present Messrs. Phillips, Lovering, Austin, Bass, Dorr & Silsby.—

A number of lamps having been broken in Orange street on Saturday evening last & the offenders being detected, a special meeting of the Board was called to consider what measures should be pursued with the offenders. The culprits (three lads) viz. Jacob Porter Homer, Warren Thacher Bowker, & Thomas Silsby, appeared before the Board;—they all acknowledged themselves guilty of the misdemeanor,—said it was the first time they had committed such an offence, pleaded the poverty of their relatives and friends, and requested the Board to take the subject under consideration and excuse them for this time on their repairing the damage they had done. The Board after duly considering the subject, and taking into consideration their apparent contrition for the offence, the injury it might be to them if they were committed to prison, and the distress it would probably occasion their parents and relatives—Voted, That if they would each of them pay to the Chairman of the Board Five dollars on or before Saturday next 1. O'clock, no prosecution should be entered against them:—it being considered it would require that sum to

repair the damage they had done.—They presented their thanks to the Board and promised the money should be paid.—

M^r. Lovering stating to the Board the [**205.**] extraordinary exertions of M^r. Jonathan Bowditch Junr. in detecting and exposing the offenders, it was moved, & voted, that the Chairman be requested to present to him the thanks of the Board.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 21st. 1818 —Present Messrs. Phillips, Oliver, Hunnewell, Lovering, Austin, Bass, Dorr & Silsby.

Repeated complaints having been made of violations of the law forbidding projections into the streets of the town, it was voted, that the Chairman publish such part of the law as he may think expedient, and give notice that after three months all violators of the same will be prosecuted.—

Complaint having been made against M^r. Elijah Harris for digging a trench across one of the streets at South Boston contrary to law; the Chairman was directed to notify him to attend at the Selectmens room on Wednesday next, to shew cause if any he has, why prosecution should not commence against him.

The application of M^r. Leman to have one of the lamps at the bottom of Prince street shifted to the opposite side [**206.**] of the street was committed to Messrs Austin & Silsby the Committee for that section.

The Clerk of the Market presented a list of the number of trucks & carts with the names of the owners, that could be accommodated with stands at the east end of the market house, which was read and accepted.—

And Ordered; that the following persons be allowed to stand at the east end of Faneuil Hall, with the number of trucks & carts set against their respective names, until the further order of the Board.—viz.—

Bartlett	1	Truck	&	2	Carts
Wentworth	1	d°.	&	2	d°.
Hartwell	1	d°.	&	1	d°.
Fuller	1	d°.	&	1	d°.
Henry & Leonard	1	d°.	&	1	d°.
Adams	——		&	1	d°.
Snow	1	d°.	&	——	
Foster	0			1	d°.
Emmerson	——			1	d°.
Stockwell	1	d°.	&	1	d°.
Cabot	——			1	d°.
Ingersol	——			1	d°.
Brummett	——			1	d°.
Stimson	——			1	d°.
	7 trucks			15	carts.—

[**207.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 28th. 1818—Present Messrs. Phillips, Oliver, Hunnewell, Lovering, Austin, Bass & Dorr.—

Passed the Monthly accounts.—

Mr. Hayward having informed of complaints being made to him, that a post standing near the shop of Mr. Fennelly at the corner of Salem and Prince streets, was a great inconvenience to the citizens passing on the side walk.—It was committed to Messrs. Austin & Silsby with full powers to remove the same if they thought it necessary.—

Mr. Guild having applied to lease a lot of the town's land or flats adjoining the proposed toll road from the bottom of Beacon street. The Board took the same into consideration and Voted, That it was inexpedient to lease any of the town's land at, or near, the bottom of the Common.

Agreeably to a vote of the Board passed the 21st. instant, Mr. Elijah Harris was notified to appear and shew cause why a prosecution should not be commenced against him for a breach of the act for regulating drains and common shores passed February 20th. 1797. In obedience to which Mr. Harris attended, and the Board having heard what he had to offer in mitigation of his offence, were of opinion, [**208.**] that at the commencement of his misdemeanor he was ignorant of the law, that he was subsequently misinformed respecting leave being granted & that it already having cost him sufficient to deter him from committing the offence again, Voted, that they would this time excuse him.

The Committee of Section No. 1 to whom was committed the application of Mr. Leman (to have one of the lamps at the bottom of Prince street moved to the opposite side of the street) reported that they had consulted the citizens who reside in the neighbourhood & found them opposed to it, they therefore reported that the request ought not to be granted—which report was accepted.—

Mr. Chase applied to be licensed to sell at public auction at No. —— State Street.—The Board being desirous to keep that street clear from auction offices and having formerly met with great difficulty in obtaining this object, refused to grant the request.—

Mr. Wentworth applied for permission to have one truck & one cart stand on Custom house street—The Board finding it met the approbation of the citizens residing on that street, granted the request until the further order of the Board.—

[**209.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen February 4th. 1818.—Present Messrs. Phillips, Oliver, Hunnewell, Lovering, Austin, Dorr & Silsby.—

Mr. Caleb Eddy as attorney to Timothy Gay having complained against Capt. Joshua Nash for obstructing a public passage way between Prince & Pond streets, to the damage of said Gay, the Board took the same into consideration and Voted, That the Chairman notify Capt. Nash of the complaint and inform him that the obstacle must be removed without delay.—

The following vote of the Firewards was presented by Mr. Hunnewell, viz—"At a meeting of the Firewards Jany 8. 1818.—Voted, That Jonathan Hunnewell, Thomas Melvill & James Phillips be a Committee to wait on the Honble. board of Selectmen to obtain a vote, authorizing the town Treasurer to pay the expenses of the Board of Firewards, over and above any moiety of fines and forfeitures that may hereafter accrue and inure to them, in prosecution of their duty either from the Fire or Powder laws.—A true copy of record—signed A. Cunningham Secretary."—The Board after maturely considering this subject were of opinion, that it did not comport with the honor or dignity of the town, that the board of Firewards, who risked their lives and health for [**210.**] the preservation of the lives and property of their fellow citizens, without any salary or emolument arising from their office, should be subjected to the expense accruing in the discharge of their duty; Voted, that in consideration of the arduous task the Firewards are subjected to in carrying the Fire and Powder laws into effect and the expense naturally attending the same, that they be authorized (in future) to lay their accounts before this board for allowance (deducting the sums they may receive for fines and forfeitures from the Fire and Powder laws) provided the expense does not exceed two hundred & fifty dollars per annum.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen February 11th. 1818—Present the whole Board, except Mr. Bulfinch.—

Inquiry having been made into the circumstances of Thomas Capen, return was now signed to the Judge of Probate that said Capen was a person non compos mentis, and recommending that a guardian should be appointed for him.

The Town Clerk laid before the Board an attested copy of the petition of David Greenough Esq. and others to the legislature to be incorporated for the purpose of erecting a new market house or houses in the town near Dock Square, with an attested copy of the notice ordered to be issued thereon, which he this day received. The Board considering this project may be of importance to the interest of the town [**211.**] in as much as it may reduce the income &c of the present market, and there not being time previous to the 16th. instant (at which time the order of notice expires) to call a town meeting—Voted, that Mr. Hunnewell be requested to appear (in behalf of the Board) before the

committee of the legislature and request, that the subject be laid over to the first session of the next General Court.—

Mr. Andrew Sanborn constable of the center watch appeared before the Board, to answer to a complaint made against him, for not affording assistance on the morning of the 10th. instant, when called on by Mr. Whitney for aid to apprehend the thieves who broke into and robbed the store of Mr. Wyman in Marlborough street. —The Board after hearing his defence were of opinion he had not exculpated himself from the charge that was brought against him, in as much as he did not afford that assistance which it was in his power to do, and which it was his duty to have done— therefore voted, that the Chairman direct Mr. Brewer to select some other person as constable of that division of the watch, & return his name to the Board for their approbation.—

The Inspector of Police made a return of a coach stepping stone and a number of posts which are dangerous to passengers—The Board requested the Chairman to direct the Police officer to have them removed as soon as the season will admit.—

[**212.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen February 19th. 1818—Present Messrs. Phillips, Lovering, Austin, Bass, Dorr & Silsby.—

22 grand jurors & 35 traverse jurors were drawn to serve at the Supreme Judicial Court.—

Voted, that the senators of the county of Suffolk and the representatives of this town be requested to use their endeavours, that the petition of David Greenough and Thomas Motley to the legislature of this commonwealth to be incorporated for the purpose of erecting a new market house or houses in the town of Boston, be postponed to the first meeting of the next General Court.—

Complaint being made that a stone wall of John Callender Esqr's in Olive street is so far decayed as to endanger the lives of the citizens passing near it.—Voted that Mr. Sprague, Mr. Blaney & Mr. Thorndike be appointed to view the same and report to this Board at their next meeting.—

Mr. Brewer having recommended Mr. Nathaniel Phillips as constable of the center watch (in place of Mr. Andrew Sanborn removed) the same was approved by the Board.

[**213.**] The subcommittee appointed to examine the accounts of the gentlemen retained as counsel in the town's suits against Ward N. Boylston Esq. made the following report viz.

"The sub committee who were instructed to examine certain accounts for expenses incurred in the town's suits with Ward N.

Boylston Esq. have directed me to report.—That they have carefully attended to the business and have recurred to the best sources of information in their power in order to ascertain what is fairly and honorably due from the town.—

In estimating its obligations to the eminent and able gentlemen who were retained as its counsel the committee have kept in mind their high professional character and the importance of the causes in litigation and are of opinion that the several sums herein mentioned would be a very liberal and honorable compensation.—viz. To Perez Morton Esq. fifteen hundred dollars—To the estate of S. Dexter Esq. one thousand dollars—To William Prescott Esq. three hundred dollars.—

The Committee do therefore report as their opinion that the said sums (first deducting whatever has already been paid in advance be paid to the above named gentlemen respectively in full of their respective demands for all the services rendered in each and all the several suits between the town & Ward N. Boylston Esq. and for all special [**214.**] or other services therewith connected.—

Which is respectfully submitted p^{r}. order.

JAMES T. AUSTIN
Chairman of sub committee."

Which being read was accepted.—

The Board directed that M^{r}. Buckingham be employed to print notifications.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen February 25th 1818. Present the Board except M^{r}. Bulfinch.—

Passed the monthly accounts.

6 jurors were drawn for the District Court of the United States.

The gentlemen appointed on the 19th. instant to view the stone wall of John Callender Esq. reported, that it was in a dangerous state and ought to have a degree of security immediately.—The Chairman was directed to give M^{r}. Callender notice.—

M^{r}. John A. Bacon was licensed as an auctioneer, his place of business Central wharf.—

The Board agreed to take of M^{r}. Andrew J. Allen 82 books of the by laws half bound at 46 cents & 18 full bound at 56 cents.

[**215.**] The Chairman reported that he and M^{r}. Austin had viewed the school for people of colour in Belknap street & directed M^{r}. Ellms what repairs to make.—The Chairman also informed the Board he had conversed with M^{r}. Paul respecting an instructor for the school for people of colour; that M^{r}. Paul had recom-

mended Mr. James Walter as a suitable person to take charge of the school, and that he (the Chairman) had agreed with Mr. Walter to take the school on trial, the Board to allow him (out of the donation of Abiel Smith Esq. deceased) such sum as they shall think he deserves in addition to the $200 allowed by the School Committee—Salary to commence 1st. March.—which was approved by the Board.—

Mr. Larra Crane requested the Board to make application to the Judge of Probate that a guardian should be appointed for Edward Smith on the ground that the town may become liable for the support of said Smith & his family, by reason of his dissipation and idleness—It appearing that while said Smith resided in the County of Penobscot (from which he has recently removed to this town) one David Perkam of said county was by the Judge of Probate thereof duly appointed his Guardian.—This being a novel case, the board requested the Chairman to take the advice of the Judge of Probate, & report at the next meeting of the Board.—

[**216.**] The Chairman Mr. Hunnewell & Mr. Silsby were appointed a committee to revise the order to the constables of the town watch and make such additions thereto as they may consider expedient and necessary.—

The warrant for March meeting was signed and Rev. Mr. Balou to be requested to open the meeting with prayer.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 4th. 1818.—Present Messrs. Phillips, Oliver, Hunnewell, Bass, Dorr & Silsby.—

A special draft was made on the Treasurer for the purpose of paying the gentlemen who were retained counsel in town's suits with Ward Nicholas Boylston the balances due to them.—

The Chairman reported that agreeably to the directions of the Board he had given Mr. Callender notice of the dangerous state of his wall, and that he had requested him to take immediate measures to place it in a state of security.

The Chairman also reported, that he had conversed with Judge Dawes on the subject of the application of Mr. Larra Crane, that a guardian might be appointed for Edward Smith; the judge informed him, he could not consistently appoint a guardian for said Smith, until the bonds of the present guardian in the county of Penobscot were cancelled—the Board were therefore of opinion they could not comply with Mr. Cranes request.

[**217.**] On the application of a number of citizens that a bull or bulls might be provided & kept in some convenient and

suitable place.—Voted, That Mr. Lovering be requested to converse with Mr. Samuel Phillips on this subject, and ascertain if he would undertake to furnish one or more bulls, and on what terms and report to the Board.—

Application was this day made to the Judge of Probate, that he would appoint a guardian to John Somes on the ground that the said Somes is wasting and conveying his estate in such a manner as thereby to endanger & expose the town to a charge for his maintenance.—

Messrs. Oliver, Hunnewell & Lovering were appointed a committee (with full power) to view a piece of land owned by Capt. John Roulstone bounded on Front & Beach streets, and determine whether it is necessary for the town to take any part of the same (and if any, what part) to widen Beach street & to agree with Capt. Roulstone for the same.—

Capt. John Roulstone was appointed by the Board to carry into effect the fifth section of a law of this Commonwealth passed March 17th. 1797—"to prevent fraud in measuring charcoal."—

[**218.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 11th. 1818. Present Messrs. Phillips, Oliver, Lovering, Austin, Bass, Dorr, Silsby & Farnam.—

This being the first meeting of the Board since the annual election of town officers; votes for a Chairman were taken by ballot, and Turner Phillips Esq. was declared to be chosen.—

The oath of office was administered to Mr. Farnam by Turner Phillips Esq. a Justice of the Peace.—

The following officers were chosen for the year ensuing.—viz.—

Samuel Phillips—Hay weigher, Joseph Lovering & John Parker Esqrs. his bondsmen.

Nathaniel Merriam, Clerk of the Market, Allan Pollock, Sealer of Weights & Measures.

Caleb Loring Junr. Weigher of Boats and Lighters.

The Chairman, Messrs. Hunnewell & Lovering, a committee to revise the rules & orders of the Board.

Mr. Lovering reported that there was on the Town's land on the Neck, a small [**219.**] building that has been used to keep the bulls in, and that there was also fencing, the whole of which

could be removed at a small expense to a place near the hay scales, and that Mr. Phillips (the hay weigher) would agree to take care of a bull, & be at the expense of his keeping, on condition of being allowed all the money to be collected from the owners of cows.—The town to purchase the bull & be at the expense of removing the building & putting up the fence.—the above was agreed to on the part of the Board—and Mr. Lovering was requested to complete the business.—

The Chairman was desired to take measures to have an advertisement inserted in the Centinel, Chronicle & Daily Advertiser, that the lists of voters were posted for inspection.

The Officer of Police was directed to give notice, that between the dates of March 16th. and April 20th. next—no cart, waggon or truck shall carry at one time, over the streets more than two hogsheads, four feet of wood, or of manure, or of any other article more than one ton.—

Complaint was made by Wm. Stackpole Esq. against Allan Locklan proprietor of Hack N° 59. for demanding more than the legal fare & using abusive language—They were both notified to appear before the board on Wednesday next 4 O'clock P.M.—

[**220.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 18th. 1818—Present Messrs. Phillips, Hunnewell, Lovering, Austin, Bass, Dorr, Silsby & Farnam.—

Mr. John Brown (broker) was licensed as an auctioneer—Also Humphrey Clark Jur. as an assistant to Mr. Wilby for thirty days.—

Mr. Stackpole appeared to substantiate his charge against Mr. Locklan proprietor of hack N°. 59.—& Mr. Locklan was heard in his defence—the parties having retired it was Voted, that the license of hack N° 59. be suspended during the pleasure of the board.

The committee appointed the 4th instant were authorized to agree with Capt. J. Roulstone for land sufficient to widen Front & Beach streets at a price not exceeding fifty cents per square foot.—

Voted, That six feet of dry pine or eastern wood be allowed to be carried at one time through the streets of the town, the vote of the 11th instant to the contrary notwithstanding.—

The Chairman, Mr. Silsby & Mr. Hunnewell were appointed a committee to report on the duty of police officers.

Mr. Hunnewell, the Chairman & Mr. Dorr a committee to confer with the Town's Committee on the subject of enlarging the Market.

[221.] On the application of Rev. Mr. Huntington & Mr. Thurston leave was granted to occupy the North School house and the school house in Mason street for Sunday schools.—

The Police officer was directed to make a return of the number of carts usually standing in Central street.—

The Committee appointed to revise the rules and orders of the board have attended that service and ask leave to report the following Rules & Orders for the future regulation of the board.—

A chairman shall be chosen annually by written votes, who shall preside at the meetings of the board: the senior member present shall preside in the absence of the Chairman.—

The time of the regular meeting of the board shall be on Wednesdays at half past three P.M. from March to October, and three o'clock from October to March; and punctual observance of these hours is requested.—The Chairman is authorized to call special meetings of the board whenever it is requisite.—

Five members shall be necessary to form a board.—

[222.] The majority of votes of the members present shall be considered as the act of the Board; but any member may enter his dissent to any measure, on the records;—and no vote shall be reconsidered by a less number than were present when the vote was passed.—

All appointments to office, made by the board, in conformity to the laws of the state, or to the bye laws of the Town, shall be made by written votes, and at a time assigned for that purpose.—

The Town Clerk shall attend at *every* meeting of the board, and shall take & make a record of all the proceedings, and enter the names of the members present.—In case of the necessary absence of the Town Clerk, the Chairman shall take the minutes.—

At the opening of each meeting, the Town Clerk or Chairman shall read the records of the proceedings of the last meeting.—

There shall be a monthly committee on accounts to consist of two members of the board taken alphabetically, who in conjunction with the Chairman of the board, shall meet at the Selectmens room at three o'clock, on the Monday preceding the day on which the monthly draft is closed, whose duty it shall be, to

receive and examine all demands against the town that shall be [**223.**] presented for payment, to make a rough draft of the same and lay it before the board for their inspection and approbation. The draft when completed shall be signed by the committee and the Town Clerk before it is sent to the Treasurer; and no addition shall be made to it while in the hands of the Treasurer unless the same is signed by a majority of the board, in the form of an order.—

Every person who shall furnish any supplies or do any work for the town shall, at least four days previous to the day on which the monthly draft is closed, present his bill to the committee (or one of them) who have the charge of that section of the town for which the supplies were furnished or the work done. And it shall be the duty of said committee or one of them to examine such demands, and certify [that] they are correct previous to their being presented to the committee on accounts for their approbation; & no demand unless so examined & certified shall be passed by the committee.

The town shall be divided into four sections; Section N° 1 shall consist of Wards N° 1, 2 & 3.—Section N° 2 of Wards N°. 4. 5 & 6.—Section N° 3. of Wards N°. 7. 8 & 9. Section N° 4—of Wards N° 10. 11 & 12—There shall be two members of the Board assigned to each of the sections who shall have the [**224.**] direction and oversight of the streets, and of the repairs necessary to them, and shall have liberty to undertake and order any work, the expense of which shall not exceed forty dollars; but no undertaking which shall exceed that sum shall be begun or contracted for, without being first laid before the board and agreed to by vote, and if any committee of the board shall contract for or expend more that [than] forty dollars on any one object without the approbation of the board being first obtained (except on some special occasion, the existence of which is to be decided by the board) such committee shall be responsible in their private capacity for the amount exceeding forty dollars.—

For any work that may be done in the streets which divide the sections, the committees having the sections bordering thereon, shall confer together, and agree upon the same.—

Each committee is particularly desired to pay attention in their section to all drains that may be opened, to see that they be laid of proper dimensions; to observe all encroachments and incumbrances of the streets, and to inform the Superintendent of the same, that measures may be taken for their speedy removal: and to suggest such improvements of the streets or foot walks as are practicable, by a right disposition of the common resources of the town: and generally to pay attention to the Town slips and lands in their districts.—

[225.] There shall be standing committees of the Board for the following purposes.—

1st—A committee of two members for each school; whose duty it shall be, to direct all necessary repairs, to provide the schools with wood &c.—

2d—A committee to each watch house for the same purposes.—

3d—A committee to inspect the Hay Scales, to attend to repairs and the accounts of the Hay weigher.—

4th—A committee to attend to the Town house, to direct repairs and report respecting rents.—

5th—A committee on the Market; to direct repairs and to attend to the proceedings & accounts of the Clerk of the Market.—

6th—A committee to have the care and superintendence of the Neck.—

7th—A committee to have the care of the Common.—

Voted, That the Board be divided into committees as follows.—

Section N° 1 to be assigned to Mess. Austin & Silsby.

Section N°. 2 to Messrs. Dorr & Farnham.

Section N° 3 to Messrs Oliver & Bass.

[226.] Section N° 4. to Messr. Hunnewell & Lovering.

That Messrs Lovering & Bass, committee of the Neck.

Messrs. Oliver, Hunnewell, Lovering, Bass & Phillips—committee of the Common.—

Messrs. Phillips, Dorr, Silsby & Farnham committee of the Market.

Messrs. Austin & Silsby north schools & watch.—

Messrs. Dorr & Farnham, west schools.

Boylston school, Dorr & Shaw

Messrs. Oliver & Bass—center schools & watch

Messr. Hunnewell & Lovering, south schools & watch

Mr. Hunnewell—committee of Hay Scales.

Messrs. Hunnewell, Lovering & Austin committee of the Town-house.—

In consequence of the arduous duty of the Chairman of the board usually has to perform, your committee would recommend, that he be excused from serving on any of the committees except those above mentioned, but that he be requested to give his advice and assistance to any of the committees that may apply to him.—

Your committee taking into consideration, that in the estimates of the necessary expenses of the town for the year, certain sums are named [**227.**] to be appropriated to particular purposes, such as for the streets, the schools, lamps &c: And in order that the board may be duly apprized of their expenditures, they are of opinion it is indispensable they be regularly posted in a book kept for that purpose by the Chairman, under their proper heads, and the aggregate of their respective amounts, laid before the board every draft day.—

All committees to report their doings at the next meeting of the board after their appointment, or as soon after as possible.—

The foregoing report was read & accepted—

Boston ss., At a meeting of the Selectmen March 25th. 1818—Present Messrs. Phillips, Oliver, Lovering, Austin, Bass, Dorr, Silsby & Farnam.—

34 Jurors were drawn for the Boston Court of Common Pleas.—

Messrs. Oliver, Hunnewell & Bass a committee to view the wall on Pemberton's hill, back of the building belonging to Thomas Welsh Jun. Esq.

Complaint having been made of the butchers carts standing in Cornhill; ordered, that from and after the third [**228.**] day of April next, no butchers cart or other carriage having beef or mutton for sale, or butchers empty cart or carriage, shall be allowed to stand in Cornhill or Market street—And it is hereby further ordered, in pursuance of the authority vested in the Selectmen by a law of the Commonwealth, that if any person shall offend against the above order, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of five dollars upon conviction of every breach of the same.

Mr. Hayward informed the Board that there were 32 carts usually standing in Central street—Ordered, that in future not

more than ten carts be allowed to stand in Central street—that ten carts be allowed to stand in Liberty Square, and twelve in Adams street.—

Mr. David Hinkly to be notified to pave his side walk in Central street.

Five hundred dollars was appropriated for repairs on the Common.—

Two thousand dollars belonging to the Franklin donation, now in the hand of the Treasurer, was ordered to be deposited in the Manufacturers' & Mechanics' Bank, subject to the order of the Selectmen for the time being.—

The Chairman was authorized to purchase 32 cartridge boxes & bayonet belts at one dollar per sett—to complete accoutrements for the Town's arms.

[**229.**] The Committee of Section N° 1 was requested to view the stone cutters shop in Lynn street, complained of by the Police officer.—also to view that part of the street which Mr. Ripley is said to have encroached upon—and report.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 1st. 1818—Present Messrs. Phillips, Oliver, Hunnewell, Lovering, Austin, Bass, Dorr & Silsby.

Passed the monthly accounts, as reported by the Committee.—

Voted, That this Board, with such as may join them from the Board of Health will on Tuesday next at 3 o'clock P. M. (for the purpose of facilitating the business of the Commissioners appointed by the Supreme Judicial Court to set off a burying ground at South Boston) proceed to South Boston and agree on two or three lots suitable for that purpose, from which the Commissioners may select one if they think proper.

An exhibit of the amount of the principal and interest due on the Franklin Donation on the first instant was made by the Treasurer (Mr. Minot) by which it appears that two thousand dollars of the money on hand has been deposited in the Manufacturers' and Mechanics' Bank.—

[**230.**] Mr. Hinckley informed the Police Officer that he contemplated erecting stores on his land in Central street in the course of two years, he therefore requested permission for the present to lay a good & sufficient plank side walk in the front of his buildings now standing there.—which was granted.

The Superintendent of Police made a return of fines received and prosecutions commenced from January third to March 30th. inclusive.

Rev. Mr. Eaton to be requested to open the meeting with prayer on Monday next.—

Bond of Mr. Phillips, hayweigher completed.—

The committee of Section N°. 3 were requested to ascertain the quantity of land recovered from the heirs of Hancock, and also the number of loads of gravel & dirt they have taken therefrom.—

James Williams aged sixteen years, with the approbation of the Board, bound himself to Saml. Cook of Provincetown, County of Barnstable, mariner.

The committee of Section N° 2 were requested to stake out Blossom street.

The Chairman was authorized to contract for a sufficiency of dirt or gravel at 1/– pr. load to fill Blossom street.—

[**231.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 8th. 1818—Present Messrs. Phillips, Hunnewell, Lovering, Austin, Dorr, Silsby & Farnam.—

The board having for some time had under consideration the price of the land applied for by Mr. Jacob Tidd Junr. agreed this day to fix it at forty cents per square foot and that he be allowed to pay for the same in five annual installments, the interest to be paid annually—payment to be secured by a mortgage.—he to be allowed sixty days to consider of the price & terms.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Police and his assistant be directed to attend the Board on Wednesday next at half past three o'clock.—

Tomorrow being the day assigned for the meeting of the Commissioners appointed by the Supreme Judicial Court, to set off a burial ground at South Boston, it was Voted, That this Board with such of the members of the Board of Health as may choose to attend, will meet the Commissioners at the Selectmens room at 10. o'clock A. M. to attend to said business.—And that the Chairman be requested to have a dinner provided for the Commissioners the President of the Board of Health and himself.—

[**232.**] Ordered, That the Chairman notify Mr. David Greenough, That the Board of Selectmen view with anxious concern

the dangerous state of Court street occasioned by the sidewalk in front of stores lately erected by him & others—and that he be requested to cause the side walk to be so raised as to conform to the street, or in some other way to secure the street, and the public from danger.

Boston ss. At a special meeting of the Selectmen April 9th. 1818—Present Messrs. Phillips, Lovering, Austin, Dorr, Silsby & Farnam.—

The Board met agreeably to yesterdays assignment, at 10. o'clock A. M.—The Commissioners appointed by the S. J. Court to set off a burial ground at S° Boston, and were joined by the President and a majority of the members of the Board of Health. —A committee from the inhabitants of South Boston also appeared with their counsel.—Peter O. Thacher Esq the Town's counsel having read the warrant of the Supreme Judicial Court appointing Ebenezer Gay Esq of Hingham, Thomas Greenleaf Esq. of Quincy & Isaac S. Gardner Esq. of Brookline commissioners, and also the Act of the Legislature to set off part of the town of Dorchester and to annex the same to the town of Boston, by which the proprietors of said tract of land were to set off to the town of Boston a lot for a burial ground.—B. Whitman Esq President of the Board of Health then [**233.**] read the record of a vote of that Board calling on the Board of Selectmen to procure a suitable place for a burial ground, stating that the grounds in the town were nearly full—& also a communication from C. Bulfinch Esq. late Chairman of the Selectmen on the subject of burying the dead & also produced a plan of a burial ground drawn by said Bulfinch.—The counsel in behalf of the inhabitants of South Boston was then heard.—

The Commissioners having thus heard the parties, (after consulting together) were of opinion, that it would be necessary for them to perambulate the ground, to enable them to decide on a suitable spot to locate for the purpose; and as the day was very stormy & the ground very wet, it was not expedient to proceed further on the business at present, and adjourned to meet at the Selectmens Room on Thursday the twenty third day of April, instant.—at 10 o'clock A. M.

[**234.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 15th. 1818.—Present the whole Board.—

Col. Nehemiah Freeman was elected Superintendent of Police, during the pleasure of the Board, subject to all the orders, rules, and regulations of this Board, with a salary at the rate of one thousand dollars per annum.—

Mr. Caleb Hayward was elected Deputy Police Officer, on the same conditions that the Superintendent has been chosen, with a salary at the rate of five hundred dollars per annum.

Mr. David Hale Jun. was approved as an auctioneer.—

The Committee for Section N°. 4 was requested to view Beach street where there was a building erecting, and ascertain whether it was necessary to widen that part of the street, if it was to stop the workmen & report to the Board.

The Chairman reported that he had contracted with the following persons for dirt for Blossom street at one shilling per load—viz Caleb Emmerson 250 to 300 loads & with F. & J. Bowman for as much more as may be wanted to complete that street.—

[**235.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 22d. 1818.—Present Messrs. Phillips, Oliver, Hunnewell, Lovering, Austin, Bass, Dorr & Farnham.

The Committee appointed to designate the duties of the Superintendent of Police and the Deputy Police Officer, Report—

1st. The Superintendent shall at all times be under the direction of this Board.—

2d. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent to pass through all the streets, lanes & other high ways of the town, at least once a week, and as much oftener as circumstances may require & to traverse the streets at other times of the day, and not confine himself to one spot—necessary avocations & Sundays excepted.—

3d—It shall be the duty of the Superintendent to enforce all the bye-laws and orders of the town, [and] of the Commonwealth relating to the town of Boston (except such as come under the jurisdiction of the Board of Health & the cognizance of the Clerk of the Market and hereafter designated for Deputy Police Officer) including the removal of incumbrances and nuisances, protect the Common, town lands and town property; smoking cigars contrary to law, heating tar kettles on the wharves and in the streets, spouts emptying on [**236.**] the side walks to the annoyance of passengers:—to report to the Chairman of the Selectmen of the side walks out of order & to see that the orders respecting them are complied with.

4th—It shall be the duty of said Superintendent to attend at his office each and every day (Sunday excepted) from half past twelve, to half past one o'clock P.M.—to examine the complaints left in the box, and all other information that made [may] be made to him within said time.—

5th—The said Superintendent shall report to said Chairman, if any special circumstances should have occurred, forthwith, for the purpose of getting particular instructions how to act.—

6th—In all cases where the laws have not been enforced for a length of time, and have become in a manner obsolete, it shall be the duty of said Superintendent to refer the same to said Board of Selectmen for orders.—

7th—It shall be the duty of said Superintendent to always keep open for the inspection of any member of said board, a record of all fines, prosecutions, and of all other matters and things which said Board shall direct.—

8th—All prosecutions for the breach of the laws designated for the cognizance of said Superintendent shall be brought by him, and he shall be entitled to all the fines [**237.**] and forfeitures accruing to him by law.—And it shall be his duty to make out a written quarterly report of the same and deliver it to the Chairman.—

9th—All letters or notices necessarily arising from the duty of the Superintendent may be delivered by the messenger of the Selectmen, who will call at his office every day (Sundays excepted) at half past one o'clock P.M. unless prevented by attending to his duty to the Selectmen or by sickness.—

The duty of the Deputy Police Officer shall be as follows

1st—He shall at all times be under the directions of the Board of Selectmen.—

2d—It shall be his duty to keep a record of all licenses granted for hackney carriages,—of the number & owners of all trucks, carts & sleds, and to regulate their stands agreeably to such orders as he may from time to time receive from the Selectmen.

3d—It shall be his duty to attend to all carts or sleds from the country with wood & cyder and see that they proceed to the stands allowed to them; and to [**238.**] attend to all other carriages standing in the streets (except those that are immediately under the control of the Clerk of the Market); And it shall also be his duty to attend to the pumps and enforce the law on that subject.—

4th—It shall be his duty to report to the Chairman of the Selectmen, if any circumstances should occur in the discharge of his duty, for the purpose of getting instructions how to act.

5th—It shall be his duty to keep always for the inspection of any member of said Board a record of all prosecutions, fines & forfeitures and of all other matters & things which said Board of Selectmen shall direct.—

6th—All prosecutions for the breaches of the laws and orders which are under his cognizance shall be brought by him, and he shall be entitled to all fines & forfeitures arising from the same agreeably to law.—And it shall be his duty to make out a written quarterly report of the same and deliver it to the Chairman.

7th—It shall be his duty to assist the Clerk of the Market when necessary.—

The Committee of Section N°. 4 appointed to view Beach street, reported that they had viewed the place and in their opinion it was not necessary [**239.**] to take any measures at present for widening that street.

The Chairman reported that he had agreed with Capt. Ingraham for flagging stones sufficient to pave the west end of the market at eighteen cents pr. square foot, the stones to be delivered in Boston soon as possible.

The Committee of Section N°. 4 were requested to view Boylston street, & empowered to widen it on the south side near the market house, if the expense should not exceed one hundred dollars.—

The Chairman was requested to give directions to the Superintendent of Police to have the barrels &c in front of the store (at the bottom of Butlers row) owned by the heirs of Mr. ——— Pitts, removed.—

The Chairman, Messrs. Hunnewell & Lovering were appointed a committee to meet the Commissioners tomorrow and proceed with them to South Boston to set off a burial ground, The Chairman was also requested to have a dinner provided for the Commissioners, the committee & the President of the Board of Health.

The committee of Section N°. 3 were empowered to procure a new pump, to replace the one now standing in Milk street.—

[**240.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 30th 1818—
Present the Whole Board.—

4 Grand Jurors & 4 Petit Jurors were drawn for the United States Circuit Court.—

Passed the monthly accounts.

Mr. William S. Brooks was approved as an Auctioneer in Company with Mr. Peabody N°. 11 Kilby street.

The Committee of Section N°. 2 reported that they had staked out Blossom street forty feet wide.

Col Freeman made a report of all the trees, and of all the stone and wooden posts, which are on the side walks and not at the corner of streets; and also of broken posts and stumps at the corners of streets, throughout the town.—which report was referred to the committees of the different sections of the Town.—

The Chairman was requested to send a copy of Sargent & Harts report respecting the lowering & repairing Court street to Mr. David Greenough—And the Chairman, Mr. Dorr & Mr. Farnam were appointed a committee to confer with him on that subject.—

[**241.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 6th. 1818.—
Present the Whole Board.

Warrant was signed for Town meeting for choice of Representatives.—Rev. Mr. Parkman to be invited to open the meeting with prayer.—

Voted, That in consideration of Col. Thorndikes having removed the foundation of the houses erecting by him on Sumner street, so that the fence on that street shall stand back from the present line at least fifteen feet at the southeast end, and ten feet at the north west end, and no part without the line of those points, and thereby throwing the land into the street—The Board on the part of the Town consent to pay him three hundred dollars.—

The Committee appointed to confer with Mr. Greenough respecting Court street—reported that they could come to no agreement with him on that subject,—Whereupon Voted, That the committee of Section N°. 2—with Mr. Hunnewell be requested to employ Sargent & Hart to repair that street in the best manner possible.

[**242.**] The committee of Section N°. 4. reported that they could purchase land sufficient to widen Boylston street for one hundred dollars, on condition of removing the side walk & putting back the fence which is about thirty three feet in length—the committee was authorized to complete the business.—

Ordered, that the Superintendent of the Lamps be directed to have them taken down & stored in the upper part of the old State House—that there be allowed five cents for removing each lamp, and the same sum for cleaning and replacing them in the fall.

The committee of Section N°. 2 was authorized to have gutters paved in North Russell street, on condition of the abutters putting down flag stones & paving their sidewalks with brick.

The committee of the Old State House was authorized to allow to M^r. Rea a sum not exceeding fifty eight dollars, for fixtures in the shop lately occupied by him in that building.—

[**243.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 13th. 1818—Present Messrs. Phillips, Lovering, Austin, Bass & Silsby.—

A number of citizens having complained that the firings of the military companies in the streets of the town is dangerous to the lives and property of the citizens—Voted, That the Chairman be instructed to inform Gen. Sullivan of this complaint, and request he will issue orders to prevent this practice in future.—

An application for paving Carver street, was committed to the committee of that section.—

The Chairman was requested to notify Henry Hill Esq. to repair the side walk in front of his estate in South street.

The Board came to the choice of a gentleman to deliver an oration on the 4th July next, being the anniversary of the declaration of American independence, & Francis C. Gray Esq. was unanimously chosen.

At a special meeting of the Selectmen May 18th. 1818—warrant was signed for town meeting on the 26th. instant.—

[**244.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 20th. 1818.—
Present the whole Board.—

Messrs. Dorr & Silsby were appointed a committee to confer with the treasurer of the Franklin donation, and ascertain whether an alteration cannot be made in future in the bonds taken for money loaned from this source, whereby further security may be demanded, if in the opinion of the trustees it is necessary for the security of the debt.

Voted, That there be paid from the donation of Abiel Smith Esq. to James Walter instructor of the school for people of colour in Belknap street, in addition to the sum allowed him by the School Committee, at and after the rate of two hundred dollars per annum from the first day of March last during the pleasure of the Board, & it having been represented to this Board by M^r. Paul, that a female assistant was necessary to teach the children

the first rudiments of education, sewing &c—and that the wife of Mr. Walter would be a suitable person for this purpose, it was further voted, that if Mrs. Walter would undertake the duty aforesaid, that the Board, on condition of her employing her whole time in the school during school hours would allow for her services (from the aforementioned fund) at and after the rate of one hundred dollars per annum for the time she may be so employed.—

[**245.**] The Committee of the Market reported that from and after the first of June next the rent of the vegetable stalls shall be as follows viz.—

Stalls at the west end of the Market—
N°. 1—$2 pr. week
2 & 5 $1.50 "
6——$3— "

Stalls north side of the Market—
N°. 1. 40 & 41—$1.25 per week
N°. 10. 11. 30. 31. 50. 51. $1.12½ pr. week.
N°. 2. 3. 4, 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48 & 49—$1—per week.

The Chairman informed the Board that he had received a note from Francis C. Gray Esq. accepting the appointment of town orator for 4th July next.

The Chairman informed that agreeably to the instructions of the Board he had addressed a letter to Gen. Sullivan on the subject of street firings, and that he had received a letter from the general in reply accompanying which, was a circular to the captains of the military companies, recommending their omitting this practise in future.—

[**246.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 25th. 1818.—

Present the whole Board.—

Passed the quarterly & monthly accounts.—

The application of Mr. Daniel Baxter that a committee from the Board should be appointed to view Harvard street and fix the bounds of that street, was agreed to, and the committee of that Section (N° 4) were requested to view the street and fix the bounds.—

The committee of Section N°. 2 were authorized to agree with Messrs. Lincoln & Benney for land to widen Green street (in

continuation of the land purchased last year of M^r. French) provided the price does not exceed fifty five cents per square foot.—

The committee of Section N°. 3 were requested to consult with M^r. Snelling and make such alteration in the forms of the center writing school as they may think necessary or expedient.—

The Application of M^r. James Weld to erect a Bakers oven or ovens in Custom House street was committed to the committee of Section N°. 3.—

[247.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 3^d. 1818.—
Present Messrs. Phillips, Oliver, Hunnewell, Lovering, Austin, Dorr, Bass & Silsby.—

The committee of Section N° 3 appointed to view a stable erected by Messrs. Bullards in Bromfields lane, reported that they had examined the same, found it conformable to law and recommended that it be approbated—accepted.

The same committee reported that M^r. James Weld have permission to erect a bakers oven or ovens, in his building on Custom House street—accepted.

The Board having observed that a wooden building on Beacon street, opposite the Mansion House of Daniel Sears Esqr. was taken down and it being their opinion, that the public good [and] convenience required that a part of the land should be taken to widen that street it was Voted, That the Board will meet on the spot tomorrow at 3 o'clock P.M. and determine what portion is necessary for the purpose aforesaid.

The application of D. D. Rogers Esqr for permission to build a stable in Scotts court was committed to the committee of Section N° 2.—

The same committee were requested to view a building lately erected on Union street by M^r. Abraham Babcock and ascertain if it was [248.] an encroachment on that street, or on the estate adjoining now occupied by M^r. Pearce and owned by the town.—

The Chairman was authorized to agree with Major Perkins of Newburyport to strike off sixty Franklin medals at one dollar each.—

M^r. Hunnewell was requested to contract with some person to slate the roof of Faneuil Hall, or such part of it as may be found necessary.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 10. 1818— Present the whole Board.

6 Jurors were drawn for the U. S. District Court 22 Jurors for the Boston Court of Common Pleas.—

The Board agreeably to assignment met (on Thursday the 4th instant) at the land owned by Daniel Sears or Uriah Cotting on Beacon street, and having viewed the same were of opinion, that the public good and convenience required that they should take off the land as follows, six feet 6 inches on the levelling part, five feet six inches at the north east end & three feet at the south west end for the purpose of widening said street & that the Chairman notify Messrs. Sears & Cotting of the same.

[249.] Mr. Farnam of the committee of section N° 2 reported he had viewed the place where Danl. D. Rogers had requested permission to būild a livery stable, and was of opinion, the taking down the old buildings now standing there and erecting a new one, would, so far from endangering the neighbourhood, conduce to the safety of it, and recommended, if there was no objection from the neighbours that the request should be granted—Accepted.—

Mr. Farnam also reported that he had viewed the building lately erected by Mr. Babcock on Union street and from the best information he had been able to obtain he was [of] opinion it was an encroachment on the building owned by the town.

Messrs Oliver, Hunnewell, Lovering & Bass were appointed a committee to view a building now erecting on Purchase street by Mr. Jenkins & fix the boundary on that street.

The application for repairs of the school house at S° Boston, was referred to the committee of section N° 4 with power to do what in their opinion was necessary.

[250.] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen June 17. 1818—Present Messrs Phillips, Oliver, Hunnewell, Lovering, Austin, Bass, Dorr & Farnam.

34 Jurors were drawn for the Boston Court of Common Pleas.—

The committee of Section N° 4 reported they had staked out Harvard street.—

The Committee of Section N° 3 were empowered to repair Purchase street.

The Committee of Section N° 2 were empowered to repair Court and Elm streets.

A remonstrance against a livery stable built in Scotts court by M^r. Pollard being made, the committee of section N° 2, to whom the Chairman was added, were requested to view the place & report at the next meeting of the Board: and also the propriety of granting the request of Danl. D. Rogers for permission to build a livery stable in said court.—

M^r. Farnam of the committee of Section N° 2, reported he had made further enquiry respecting the building erected by M^r. Babcock on Union street, the result of which was, that he found the deeds went as far back as 70 years, consequently it was out of the control of the Board. He therefore must now report to the Board, "it is not an encroachment."

Mr Oliver of the committee appointed at the last meeting of the Board to view a building now erecting on Purchase street by Capt. Joseph Jenkins, and fix the boundary on that street, reported—[**251.**] it was the opinion of the committee, Capt. Jenkins was encroaching on the street. It was therefore Voted, that the Chairman be instructed to give notice to Capt. Jenkins, that the front of his building will not be allowed to project beyond a line with the clapboards of the house occupied by M^rs. Lamb.—

The committee of section N°. 4 reported, they had taken measures to make such repairs on the school house at S°. Boston, as they thought necessary.—

The same committee were empowered to pave a part of Nassau street.—

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen Friday June 26th. 1818.

Present Messrs. Phillips, Hunnewell, Lovering, Austin, Bass, Dorr, Silsby & Farnam.—

The following report was read & accepted.—

The committee to whom was referred a complaint against Peter Ripley; stating that said Ripley had encroached on Lynn & Prince streets, have attended to that duty & report—That the fence of said Ripley projects into said streets and it would be desirable to have it set back.—Your Committee do not positively know whether the aforesaid fence is on the Towns land or not, but recommend that a surveyor be employed to ascertain the fact—The Chairman will give notice to Capt Silas Atkins & M^r. Peter Ripley previous to the survey & of the time of surveying.

The Chairman was instructed to [**252.**] apply for the use of the old South Church for the Fourth of July next, he was also desired to apply to the singers of that Society to perform on that day & to have suitable refreshments provided for them, and to give orders for the bells to ring on the morning of the same day, from half past six to seven o'clock.—

The Chairman was instructed to apply to Benj^{a}. Whitman Esqr. to attend, on behalf of the Town, at the S. J. Court to be holden at Taunton on the 14th of July next and use all fair and justifiable means, that the report of the Commissioners appointed by the S. J. Court "to set off a burial ground at South Boston" may be accepted and confirmed by the Court.—

Voted. To pave one half of Leverett street the present season.

Boston ss. At a meeting of the selectmen Wednesday July 1. 1818.—Present Messrs. Phillips, Lovering, Austin, Bass, Dorr & Farnam.—

Passed the monthly accounts.—

The remonstrants against the stable in Scotts Court and M^{r}. Pollard appeared before the Board with their attorneys and were heard. The Board Voted to postpone the further consideration of the subject until Wednesday next, when the whole Board would view the premises, and thereby be enabled to form a more correct judgment of the nuisance complained of and of the propriety of granting permission to D. D. Rogers Esqr. to erect a livery stable in that court.

The Chairman informed the Board he had been applied to by M^{r}. Foster in behalf of M^{r}. Hubbard [**253.**] who was erecting a building on Common street for permission to bring his building so far forward as to make it range on a line with the other buildings on that street: that the Chairman and M^{r}. Farnam had viewed the premises & being of opinion it would add to the beauty of the street if the buildings were on a line with each other, gave their consent he should come forward, on the following conditions, Viz^{t}. that he should pay for the land taken, and if the Board should differ with them in opinion he should remove the cellar wall to the former limits, which terms were consented to on the part of M^{r}. Hubbard. The Board taking the subject into consideration confirmed the doings of the Chairman & M^{r}. Farnam and requested them to ascertain the quantity of land taken from the street.—

Application having been made to the Board to purchase a part of the building belonging to M^{r}. Motley, that projected into Elm street, the Board having viewed the same were fully of opinion,

it would be a great improvement to the street and that the public good, and convenience required it, and after conferring with M^r^. Motley who estimated the damage he would sustain at $800 authorized the Chairman to inform him [that] the Board on the part of the Town would give $300 toward, the improvement.

The Board having received a complaint that a great many naked men & boys (principally the former) were in the practice of bathing at the bottom of Beacon street and near Charles street on Sunday mornings & evenings, which was [**254.**] excessively disgusting to the inhabitants of the houses in the neighbourhood and to the Society worshipping at the Baptist Church in Charles street: it was Voted, that the Chairman be authorized to employ a constable to prevent this indecent exhibition in future.

At a meeting of the Selectmen July 8th. 1818. Present the whole Board except M^r^. Silsby. The Board agreeably to assignment viewed the livery stable in Scotts Court, occupied by Aaron Pollard, and were of opinion, it was not a suitable place for such a stable and there being no evidence of its having been licensed, it was voted, that the Chairman be instructed to give notice to M^r^. Pollard to desist from using it for that purpose as he would avoid the penalty of the law.—

It was also voted, that Danl. D. Rogers Esqr. be allowed to erect a livery stable in his court, provided he has no door that opens from it into Scotts Court, and also that no carriage or team from his stable be allowed to stand in Union street.—

The Committee of section N°. 3 to whom was referred the application of H. G. Otis Esqr. for permission to fill up a gore of the flatts from the bottom of Beacon street by the dam now making, reported, that it would not be for the interest of the Town to dispose of any ground or any privileges, which they now possess at or about the bottom of Beacon street until [**255.**] the dam now making be completed; report accepted.

M^r^. C. Callender having applied for the privilege of printing the Town oration delivered on the 4th. instant by F. C. Gray Esqr. it was voted, that M^r^. Callender's request be granted on consideration of his employing M^r^. Buckingham as the printer.—

An action having been brought against the Capt. of the north watch for their conduct in quelling a riot, application was made to the Board to employ counsel for them. The Board taking the subject into consideration, were of opinion, it was incumbent on them to defend the watch in the discharge of their duty, and Voted, that M^r^. Thacher be employed in their defence & that his

fees would be paid by the Town, provided they discharged their duty in this instance, agreeably to law.—

The Board proceeded to the choice of Auctioneers for the year ensuing and their being no complaint against any that were licensed the last year, their licences were all renewed.—

The approbation of sundry persons to be licensed by the Court of Sessions, as innholders and retailers of spirits was signed by the Board.

The Town Clerk informed the Board, that he had paid one hundred & ten dollars into the Town Treasury, money collected for auction licenses the past year.—

[**256.**] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen Wednesday July 15th 1818. Present Messrs Phillips, Oliver, Lovering, Austin, Bass, Dorr, Silsby & Farnam.

The following named persons were chosen constables for the current year who were directed to leave the names of their sureties with the Chairman to be approved by the Board at their next meeting.—Viz

	Bondsmen.
Thomas Stevenson	Thos. Stevenson Jr & Wm. Stevenson
Elisha Copeland	John Perry & John Gibson
Solomon Twist	Wm. Simonds & Amos Penniman
Willm Tupper	Jason Braman & Jno. Blanchard
Willm Brooks	Moses Wallach, Saml. Hastings & Thos. Peabody
James Perkins	James Williams & Henry Lane.
Jona. Prescott	John Barnard, Robt. Cunningham & Robt. Barber
Willm. Dinsmore	Josiah Gilmore & John Aiken
Geo. Read	Francis Garaux & Martin Burr
Thomas Holden	Augustus O. Barton & Olivr. Downing
Wendell R. Barker	Elijah Stedman & Thos. Darling
Benja. C. Stevenson	
Andrew Sanborn	Leach Harris Jothm Barnes
Saml. Holmes	Adam French & Jas. Farrar
David Rixford	Wm. P. Whiting & Eph. Whitney
Josiah Baldwin	Peter Mackintosh & Christr. Lincoln
Thomas Wallace	Daniel & Ignatius Sargent
Martin Smith	Martin Cushing & Jno. Comerais Lincoln Mitchel appointed July 29—
Horatio Bass	H & G Bass
Elisha V. Glover	Daniel Baxter & Colvin Howe—
Job Drew	John R. Gould & Thos. Redman—

Mr. Austin was requested to make enquiry on what terms the town lamps taken down and now laying in one of the rooms of the old Town House can be repaired.

[257.] Application having been made to the Board for a further sum in aid of paying for a part of Mr. Motley's house in Elm street, the Board taking the same into consideration voted that they would not extend the sum beyond $300.—

The Board having been served with a notice of the taking the deposition of Alexr. Orrock at Augusta at the request of the heirs of Lendall Pitts decd. the Chairman was instructed to apply to P. O. Thacher Esqr. and desire him to request some gentlemen to attend on that occasion, if necessary.

Messrs. Oliver & Hunnewell were appointed a Committee to confer with Mr. Cotting respecting the land taken from him on Beacon street and agree with him for the price of the same, provided Mr. Cotting (in their opinion) does not value it too high.—

Mr. Greenough having made certain offers to indemnify Messrs. Gore & Bridge for the damage they would sustain by lowering that part of Court street opposite their buildings and to be at the whole expence of lowering the street & give in the land in front of his (Mr. G.) stores also the land in front of Willm. Smith's garden. The Chairman was instructed to furnish Messrs. Gore & Bridge with a copy of the same & inform those gentlemen, the Board would on Wednesday next hear any objection they may think proper to make against the acceptance of those offers.

Messrs. Bordman & Pope & S. Parkman have permission to plank the side walk in front of their vacant lots on Purchase street.—

[258.] List of persons appointed auctioneers. viz

Wm Alline	Philip Marett
Saml. L. Abbott	John Minchin
James A. Allen	David Marston
Francis Amory	Elisha Parks
James Bourguin	Luther Parks
Stephen Brown	Alexr. Plimpton
Lemuel Blake	Jacob Peabody
George Bond	Warren Pennyman
Horatio Bass	John Perkins
John Brown	Joseph Ripley
Wm S. Brooks	Frink Roberts
Thomas Clark	Frink Stratton
Gilman Collamore	Benj. Seaver
George G. Channing	John Tyler
Wm Cochran	Wm. Tucker
Saml F. Coolidge	Saml. Whitwell
Martin Clap	Nathl. H. Whitaker

Joseph L. Cunningham
Wm Dehon
George L. Deblois
Peter Dickerman
Jeremiah Draper
Richard Edwards
David M. Eaton
David Forsaith
Silas Field
William Hartwell
David Hale Junr.
Thos. K. Jones
Benj. Winslow
Francis Wilby
John White
Charles Willis Jr.
Henry White
Wm Gridley Junr
Reuben W. Gerry
Alex^r. H. Gibbs
Caleb Hayward
Charles Head
Daniel Hersey

[**259.**] Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen July 22^d. 1818. Present the whole Board—

Ben^n Whitman Esqr. employed by the Board as counsel for the town to attend at the S. J. Court holden at Taunton on the 14th instant (see proceedings of the Board 26th ultimo) appeared before the Board and reported, that the judges of the Supreme Judicial Court had not confirmed the report of the commissioners appointed to set off a burial ground at S° Boston on the ground that the commissioners had set off a larger portion of land than the act of the legislature annexing a part of the town of Dorchester to the town of Boston would justify and directed the commissioners to meet again on that business at such time as the Selectmen should think proper.—

Agreeably to the notice given by the Chairman Samuel Gore Esqr. attended the Board and stated his objection against the offers made by Mr David Greenough for permission to alter Court street, a letter was also received from Mr Joseph Bridge stating his objections to the proposed alteration—the Board after considerable debate on the subject were of opinion it was of such importance to the town & the parties as to require further deliberation, it was therefore Voted—that the subject be referred to the next meeting of the Board.—

Application having been made by M^r. Eben^r. Hancock to the Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk stating that Thomas Hancock of Boston, gentleman is non compos mentis and incapable of taking care of himself. The Board agreeably to the direction of the Honble Judge of Probate took inquisition thereof and were of opinion [**260.**] that the said Thomas Hancock was non compos mentis and incapable of taking care of himself and recommend that a guardian should be appointed for him.—

Voted that the bondsmen offered by the following constables be approved Viz. Thomas Stevenson. James Perkins. Willm. Dinsmore. W. R. Barker. George Reed. And^w. Sandborn. Saml.

Holmes. David Rixford. J. Bal[d]win. Thomas Wallace. Thomas Holden. & Wm Brooks and that the Town Clerk be directed to have their bonds executed without delay—

Passed on a number of licenses for innholders. retailers, victuallers & confectioners—

M^r. Eph^m Lock was approved as an auctioneer on condition his place of business was unexceptionable—

Complaints having been made against a bow window erected at N° 63 State street by M^r. David Felt as exceeding the limits of the law, voted, that the Superintendent of Police be directed to notify M^r. Felt to have the projection of his window reduced so as to conform to the law.—

[261.] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 29th. 1818—Present Messrs. Phillips, Hunnewell, Lovering, Austin, Bass, Silsby & Farnam.—

The sureties of the following constables were approved by the Board, Viz. Solomon Twist, William Tupper, Jonathan Prescott.

The Board agreeably to assignment again considered the propositions & offers of M^r. David Greenough for permission to lower that part of Court street opposite the buildings of Mess. Gore & Bridge, a communication from M^r. Gore on this subject was received and read. After considerable debate on the subject, there appearing to be a diversity of opinions, some gentlemen wishing further information and there not being so full a Board as when previously considered it was voted to postpone the further consideration of it until Wednesday next when the Board would come to a final decision, the Chairman was authorised, in the mean time to give notice to the Honble. M^r. Lloyd that he might attend the Board on this occasion if he thought proper.

The complaint of M^r. Wood of the inconvenience &c of the carts standing in Central street was referred to the committees of Sections N° 2 & 3 who were requested to consider the subject at large of the present arrangement of the trucks & carts, and propose such alteration of their distribution as to them shall appear expedient & proper.

The application of Col. Henry Sargent and all the owners and occupiers of houses in Franklin place "to close the arch in that [262.] place, by a gate or otherwise as may be thought best so far as to prevent its continuing to be so complete a thoroughfare, as it now is, to the great annoyance of its inhabitants, and not without the risk of lives, particularly those of young children" was read, and the Board after maturely considering the subject

were of opinion the request of so respectable a body of citizens ought to be granted if it could be done consistent with the public good; but the arch complained of had been open as a public highway for a number of years and that the accommodation of the public required it should remain so.—

Mess Dana & Brooks were appointed auctioneers on the following conditions, that they be licensed during the pleasure of the board, that no flag shall be shown on State street or in front of Rodgers Buildings, that no bales of goods or casks shall be allowed to lay in the street, that the entrance to the auction office shall be at the south end of the building & public sales shall be in the back part of the store.—

The application of Daniel Hawes & William Foster Jr. for permission to place posts & a flight of stone steps across the middle of a certain lane leading from Purchase street to Battery March street (about ninety feet long) so as to confine it to foot passengers, said Hewes & Foster to be at the expense and to keep them in repair, was referred to the committee of Section N°. 3.—

Mr. Hunnewell of the committee appointed the 15th inst to confer with Mr. Cotting respecting [**263.**] the price of the land taken from him on Beacon street reported that the Committee had agreed with Mr. Cotting at one dollar fifty cents pr. square foot, report accepted.

The Superintendent of the lamps reported that according to order he had examined the lamps & found that to put them in complete repair there would be 184 squares of glass wanted, 144 tops want repairs and about 50 new tops, the old ones being too bad to repair—Mr. Austin was authorized to employ some persons to do tin work at the following rates, for new tops painted one dollar each, for those that wanted repairing one shilling each.—

The following persons were added to the number of constables for the year ensuing Horatio Bass, Elisha N. Glover and Job Drew. The bondsmen offered by Mr. Glover were Daniel Baxter & Calvin Howe, those by Capt. Drew were John R. Gould & Thomas Rodman all which were accepted by the board.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 5th. 1818—Present Messrs. Phillips, Oliver, Hunnewell, Bass, Silsby & Farnam.

The Board agreeably to assignment again considered the subject of lowering Court street opposite the stores of Messrs. Gore & Bridge.—The Hon. Mr. Lloyd was present and stated his objections to it.—[**264.**] after considerable debate on the

question whether it would be of public utility, the Board not uniting in opinion, it was voted, (as there were not so many gentlemen present as when this subject was discussed at a former meeting) that the decision be postponed to Wednesday next.

Mr. Silsby was appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the Franklin fund for the year past.—

Martin Cushing & John Comerais were approved as sureties for Martin Smith and Henry Bass & George Bass as sureties for Horatio Bass, appointed constables for the present year.

The application to pave Mason street was taken up, but it appearing on enquiry, that the amount already expended on the streets, together with the engagements the Board had already made to pave and repair streets, in which there is much more travel, had so far exhausted the amount granted by the Town for this purpose, that it could not be done the present year.—

The Chairman, Mr. Oliver & Mr. Bass (who were joined by Mr. Lovering) were appointed a committee to examine the applications for licenses, and to have such as they should approve placed on the list.—

[**265.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 12th. 1818—Present Messrs. Phillips, Lovering, Austin, Bass, Silsby & Farnam.—

The subject of lowering the pavement in Court street opposite the stores of Messrs. Gore & Bridge, was agreeably to assignment taken up, but there being several members of the Board absent, the consideration of it was (without debate) again postponed.—

Mr. Silsby who was appointed at the last meeting of the Board to examine the account of the Treasurer of the Franklin Fund reported, that he had attended that service, and that there was now in the Manufacturers & Mechanic's Bank in addition to the bonds in the hands of the Treasurer eighteen hundred & sixteen dollars 58 cents—and a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of one hundred & ninety eight dollars, eighty two cents.

The Chairman reported that the committee appointed the 5th. instant to examine the applications for licenses had attended that service, and had placed on the approbation list such as in their opinion ought to be approved.

The Chairman was instructed to request Mr. Thacher to apply to the President of South Boston association to have some person or persons appointed to meet and [**266.**] confer with committees

from this Board and the Board of Health on the subject of locating a lot of land for a burial ground at South Boston.

On the application of Lemuel Shaw Esq. (one of the Firewards) that a brick building should be erected in Milk street for engine N°. 14.—Voted, That it would be for the interest and to the credit of the Town to have their engine houses built of brick—and that Mr. Hunnewell & Mr. Lovering be a committee to contract with some person to erect a brick building for the engine No 14 (the Cataract) provided the land on which the engine house now stands is owned by the town.

Mr. Lovering was requested to purchase as much powder for the Town as was wanting to complete the quantity required by law.

The committee for Section N°. 3 was requested to view Chestnut street and ascertain if it was necessary to pave a gutter in that street, so far as to prevent the water from running over the side walks of Messrs. S. F. Coolidge & Charles Thacher, & if in their opinion it was necessary to have it done.—

Mr. S. B. Ford was appointed an Auctioneer.—

The Chairman was instructed to notify the proprietors of estates on [**267.**] Beacon street to have their sidewalks laid without delay agreeably to contract, the sidewalk from the corner of Walnut street to the bottom of Beacon street to be twelve feet in width.

A communication from H. G. Otis Esq. respecting the flats at the bottom of Beacon street, was committed to the Chairman, Mr. Oliver and Mr. Hunnewell.

Messrs. Lovering, Austin and Silsby were appointed a committee to examine the remaining applications for licenses & place on the approbation list such as they may approve.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 25th. 1818—Present all the members of the Board, except Mr. Hunnewell.—

6 Jurors were drawn for the U. S. Court.—

The Chairman reported that agreeably to the instructions of the Board at their last meeting he had requested Mr. Thacher to apply to the President of the South Boston association to have some person or persons appointed to meet and confer with [**268.**] committees from this Board and the Board of Health on the subject of locating a lot of land for a burial ground at South Boston.

The Chairman, Messrs. Oliver & Hunnewell were now appointed the committee on the part of this Board for the above purpose.—

The Committee appointed the 12th instant to erect a brick building for engine N° 14. on land belonging to the town in Milk street reported, that they had examined the land and found that it would not only be very difficult but very expensive, to get a foundation, on which a brick bullding could be erected—they had therefore contracted with Mr. Seth Thaxter to build one of wood.—The Report was accepted.

Mr. Lovering reported, That he had purchased the gun powder necessary to complete the quantity required for the Town.—

The Chairman reported, that he had *notified* the proprietors of estates on Beacon street to lay the side walk agreeably to contract, and that he had *requested* those who had not contracted to have theirs laid to coform to the others.—

The Committee appointed the 12th. instant to examine the remaining application for licences reported, they had attended that service.

[269.] The Committee on accounts were authorized to allow Nathaniel Brewer forty dollars for extra services as Superintendent of the lamps.—

A summons having been left with the Chairman for the inhabitants of the Town of Boston to appear at Dedham in the County of Norfolk on the third Monday of September next to answer to the heirs of Lendall Pitts for land at the bottom of Butlers Row,—(alleged) to have been unlawfully taken from them.—The Chairman was instructed to retain Peter O. Thacher Esq. to appear at said court and defend the suit.—

The application of Thomas J. Eckley & others for repairs on Bowdoin street was referred to the committee of Section N° 3.—The same committee were requested to view Sumner street & take measures for repairing the same.

The standing committees for the schools were requested to procure the necessary wood for the schools.—

On the application of Daniel Dennison Rogers Esq. for permission to erect a livery stable adjoining Scott's Court, it was—voted, That Daniel D. Rogers Esq. have permission to erect a livery stable on his land adjoining Scott's Court, provided he does not open any door from the stable into said court, and that no carriage, carriages or team, to or [270.] from said stable, pass

up or down the said court, and that no empty carriage, carriages or team from said stable be placed in such a situation as to encumber the court—And also, that no carriage, or team from his stable be allowed to stand in Union street.

The application of B. Humphry & others that the bottom of Portland street be paved—was referred to the committee of Section N°. 2—who were authorized to have it paved if they should judge it necessary.—

The committee of Section N° 1. appointed to make inquiry respecting a slip of land belonging to the Town leading from Prince street to the Mill Pond land, which slip was leased to Jonas Welsh August 25th. 1788.—Moved by way of report the following vote, which being read was passed by the Board.—

Voted, That the Chairman be requested to notify Col. Thomas Badger to pay to the Town Treasurer the rent of a lot of land occupied by him, leading from Prince street to the Mill Pond land (near the cross gutter so called) and formerly occupied by Nickerson, said land having many years since been leased to Jonas Welsh for the term of twenty years on certain conditions.—

I certify that the foregoing [**271.**] is a true Record of the proceedings of the Selectmen of the Town of Boston from March 13th. 1816 to September 25th. 1818—both days included—

Tho' Clark, Town Clerk.

END OF BOOK TWENTY-ONE.

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